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■ **MATT DUCHENE**

Fate plays a role in NHL draft

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Before local hockey hero Matt Duchene was selected third overall by the Colorado Avalanche in the 2009 NHL Entry Draft, it was widely known that the 18-year-old Haliburton hockey player had grown up idolizing the very team that drafted him.

And as it turns out, there's quite a string of interesting and quirky facts that connect Duchene to the Colorado Avalanche.

"We analyzed the teams and we knew it was a pretty good chance that [Matt] was going to end up with Colorado," said Matt's father Vince outside the Avalanche suite at the Montreal Bell Centre a couple of hours after Matt was drafted. "But I can't tell you how many small world connections there are to Colorado."

Nearby, Duchene was being photographed in his new Avs garb with family members.

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TIM TOFFLEMIRE/Special to the Echo

Happy birthday with a bang!

West Guilford knows how to throw a party on Canada Day. Its annual event is always a crowd-pleaser, especially the fireworks that light up Pine Lake after dusk. For more photos and a story about the celebration, including this year's citizen of the year, see pages 22, 23 and 24.

■ **URANIUM MINING**

Old Dyno mine still raises questions

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Ken Sanderson is the epitome of a "local."

At 84 years old, he's seen much of the establishment and progress of eastern Haliburton County.

He remembers when the Wilberforce medical centre was built – because he built it. He attended Wilberforce school when it was just one of eight in the area, now just one of two.

And, like 450 others, in 1958 he worked in a uranium mine.

On a shelf in Sanderson's Wilberforce home sits a small glass vial full of yellow powder. It's yellowcake – the result of the mining and milling process of uranium ore that Dyno Mine used to perform.

It was a gift given him on his last day at Dyno Mine, just a year after he began and it's one of the few tangible items left from the mine.

It was the mines that created Cardiff and brought populations to the backroads of the county, but the industry proved volatile and went from employing 1,400

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Toronto garbage not yet making its way north

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Fears that the Toronto city workers strike would drastically increase the amount of garbage cottagers bring to Haliburton County haven't yet materialized.

Landfill attendants are keeping a close watch on what comes in during the heavy weekend traffic, but so far it seems Toronto residents are leaving their garbage back in the city. In 2002, the last time Toronto city workers went on strike, large volumes ended up in Haliburton landfills.

"We picked up a half-ton load ... every day of the

week" during the 2002 strike, says Highlands East supervisor Glen Covert. Highlands East hasn't found any increase this year, Covert said.

Haliburton landfill manager Mark Brohm says they have yet to notice an increase, and in any case they can't turn people away based on where the garbage came from. "If they have a card we can't say 'where did you create the garbage?' The only thing we can watch is someone coming with a van or truck."

Towhee counsellor found

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

A Camp Towhee counsellor was found by an off-duty officer 19 hours after he was reported missing.

OPP emergency response and canine unit were called when Thomas Adam Staub, 20, of Peterborough left the camp around 2 a.m. July 5.

"They did a cursory search of the camp and didn't find anything," Sergeant John Spence said.

It ended up being another officer who spotted Staub on County Road 21 at 9 p.m. on Sunday.

Constable Mark McMaster, the communications officer for the local detachment, was driving in to work when he found Staub.

It is not known why Staub decided to leave the camp, Spence said. Staff at Camp Towhee did not wish to make any immediate comment.



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Swimmer dies at Furnace Falls

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A male drowned at Irondale's Furnace Falls late Friday afternoon, Haliburton Highlands OPP say.

According to a police report, a group of four males were swimming in the Irondale River near the falls when one began struggling with the current.

He went underwater and did not resurface, the report says, eventually being found by rescue crews and transported to Haliburton Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Ed Aylwin, who operates a body shop in Irondale, was driving by the falls at about 3 p.m. with some friends and stopped when he saw a girl who was in obvious distress.

"She said, 'Somebody's drowning,'" Aylwin said.

Aylwin jumped in the water and said he spent about 20 minutes looking unsuccessfully for the drowning victim before EMS crews arrived.

"I didn't find him," he said.

Aylwin said he was unsure of the identity or even the age of the male he was searching for.

He said there were about half a dozen people at the popular swimming hole at the time; a few teenagers and a mother with some children, he thought.

At press time, police had not released the male's name or further details of the incident.

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■ GREAT HALIBURTON FEED COMPANY

More cats than ever looking for a home

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

In the 14 years Maureen Adams has owned the Great Haliburton Feed Company she has never had so many cats.

The pet supply store, which acts as an impromptu shelter, has 34 cats and kittens for adoption – all either abandoned at the store by their owners or found by community members.

"This is the most that we've ever had and people keep on calling and calling and calling" to bring in more strays, Adams said.

The feed company keeps every cat until an adoptive owner can be found, feeding and cleaning all 34 every day.

It takes about two hours each morning to tend to the cats, Adams said, and with a minimal \$35 adoption fee, they are a drain on the business.

It costs far more to take care of the cats than the adoption fee covers, but Adams can't stop taking them in.

A few months ago a man showed up with a number of cats he caught in a live-trap. They've also taken in a baby squirrel, which nursed along with its kitten cohorts.

The cat Adams would most like to give a good home is Sheena, a young grey part-Siamese cat who came in pregnant

and in rough shape about three months ago. She has been nursed back to good health and now enjoys napping on the feedbags around the store.

Since starting Haliburton Feed Company, Adams has found homes for 12,000 – yes, that's thousand – cats, puppies, rats, rabbits and even an iguana.

And although she loves kittens, Adams said she's anxious to find homes for them where they can get the attention and love they deserve.

The feed company is at 110 Industrial Park Road and can be contacted by calling 457-9775.



Why adopt one when two perfect kittens could do?



These two kids were thrilled to watch kittens play together at the Haliburton Feed Company, which takes in stray cats and needs to find new homes for them.



Sheena sleeps on a bag of feed at the Great Haliburton Feed Company last week. She came in pregnant and in rough shape about three months ago, but now is healthy, happy and looking for a home.



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JENN WATT/Echo

Farmer Gord Kent from Stonefield Farm finds change for the hungry customers come to buy his fresh produce at the first Haliburton Farmers' Market at Roberts Marina.

OPENING DAY

Farmers' market opens to crowds

It was a triumphant launch for the Haliburton Farmers' Market Friday afternoon with large crowds buying up produce and cars parked along Highway 21 outside the Roberts Marina location.

Canoe FM's Roxanne Casey hosted the event and MP Barry Devolin and MPP Rick Johnson cut the herbs (instead of ribbon) in the opening ceremonies. Music of the Abbey North Drummers and Outloud Womyn's Voices along with fair trade coffee made an experience out of the market.



Artist and farmer Tom Green holds up one of his onions for sale at the farmers' market beside his friend and fellow farmer Darren Gribble.

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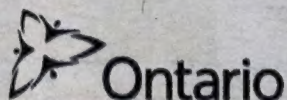
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LONG WAIT OVER

Veteran's service finally honoured

Tombstone placed in Maple Lake cemetery

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The grave went unmarked for 25 years.

Buried in 1983, no one could find the plot where West Guilford resident Hursell Marine Osborne rested.

Known just as "Ozzie" by community members, the veteran of two world wars and winner of six medals for service and bravery was loved for his humour, friendliness, love of boxing and wit.

That he was buried, at age 87, without so much as a headstone troubled Sue Norcross, who is related through marriage to the late Green Lake Road resident.

"I felt it wasn't appropriate" that he went unrecognized, Norcross said.

Initially, she didn't know the history of the brave man who went overseas twice in service to his country. She wasn't even in contact with his widow, whom he had married a year before his death.

In February 2008, Norcross happened to see a 90th birthday notice for the widow in the newspaper and decided to drop by to see her. During their visit, Norcross was given a photo album of Osborne's mementoes, photos and poems, many of them from the wars.

"In the fall of 2008, I went to the Legion to meet the troops. [After that] I thought I should do something with the album from [Osborne's] wife," she said.

She contacted the local funeral home

about what arrangements could be made to give Osborne a proper headstone and was informed that an organization called the Last Post would place a stone with no charge because of Osborne's service in the army.

Then finally on Monday, June 22, 2009 Hursell Marine Osborne was given a marker for his grave. He is now honoured for his service as corporal in the 134 Battalion in the First World War and in the 48 Highlanders in the Second World War.

Through her own research Norcross can add more to that story. Osborne also received many medals during the two wars: the victory medal, British war medal, defence medal, Canadian volunteer service medal, 1939-45 star, war medal of 1939-45 and, perhaps most impressive, the military medal.

"The silver, laurelled bar is awarded for a subsequent act or acts of bravery and devotion under fire," reads the Veterans' Affairs description of the medal.

"The medal is awarded to warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men for individual or associated acts of bravery on the recommendation of a commander-in-chief in the field," it says.

Although Norcross does not have the medals (they are with another member of the family), the knowledge of Osborne's achievements is enough to make her proud of the man they called Ozzie, who has finally had the recognition he deserved.



Above: Hursell Osborne, centre, served in the first and second world wars. Here he's seen with comrades from the 48 Highlanders.

Right: On June 22, 2009, Osborne's grave was given a proper marker.

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Rain, rain go away

ANYONE WHOSE INCOME is reliant on the influx of summer visitors – and that's the majority of the local workforce – has an opinion about rain. Rainy days provide a good incentive for cottagers to drive into town to go shopping or visit local attractions but if there are too many rainy days early in the season, cottagers and tourists won't bother to come up to the Highlands. If you're going to have to stay indoors for the weekend, why make the three-hour drive?

That's what makes events such as last Wednesday's Bassmania fishing tournament and this Saturday's Highland Games so essential to the local economy. They

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give people a reason to visit Haliburton regardless of the weather. (Nothing like a "Scottish mist" to get people in the mood for Scottish music, right?) Bassmania, in particular, not only attracted 77 teams of anglers for the day, but many of those anglers arrived a few days early to test the waters. That meant they were renting local accommodations, eating in restaurants, buying gas, shopping.... The fish weren't biting because of the weather, but that doesn't mean the fish weren't there. The tournament introduced anglers to the Highlands and there's no doubt some of them will come back.

These events wouldn't happen if it weren't for local volunteers. They spend hours of their own time to make sure everything runs smoothly and yet rarely do they see any personal benefit. For instance, Pat Kennedy is an avid angler but he was so intent on making Bassmania a success that he didn't have time to compete.

But it's not like the local businesses that reap the benefits of such events don't give back to the community. Throughout the year they are constantly approached to make donations for prizes or help market the event. They may not see a direct reward for every donation but, overall, their generosity is paid back by the increased business that special events generate. By working together, everyone benefits.

One of the downsides of the busier summer times, however, is the increase in number of times we hear the sirens of emergency vehicles as they rush towards a call. This past weekend, a swimmer at Furnace Falls got caught in the undertow and drowned. It's a tragedy that makes one's heart ache for the families involved and also serves as a reminder that while relaxing in the summer is pastime we all deserve, we can't let our guards down when it comes to safety. Whether we're swimming, hiking, driving to an event or enjoying some time in our boats, we have to be ready for the unexpected to happen. Enjoy summer, but not at the expense of safety.



Best of West Guilford

Photo by Matt James

Fearless leaders Part II

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (along with others) establishes a list of The Ten Worst Dictators every year. The complete list actually covers the top 20 villains who have strong-armed their way to power. And while the top 10 list does change from year to year, it's not because last year's top ten have become better but because the bottom ten have become worse.

Setting a speed record for attaining top spot on the list is this year's Numero Uno, Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe. Mugabe was originally looked upon as a hero who conquered and removed the white government from Zimbabwe but soon proved to be an incredibly inept leader. One of his first moves as leader was to turn on the Zimbabwe money machine and print trillions of Zimbabwe dollars, like a kid in a candy store. The resulting inflation caused them to recently print a 50-billion-dollar note, which was enough to buy two loaves of bread. Robert should really get himself some professional advice when it comes to finance. He also holds occasional elections that always end with his winning a majority in spite of being hated by most of the population. Murdering anyone saying a word against him has always been an effective part of his platform.

Among the many economically destructive moves that Mugabe has introduced, the most devastating was his appropriation of all farms run by Zimbabwe's white population, and handing them out to his friends, who, unfortunately, had no idea how to run farms. Of course, they fell into ruin, and added another chunk of the population to the unemployment list, which today stands at 85 per cent. In a short time in office, Robert has basically

trashed a relatively wealthy, upwardly-mobile country, whose population now swells the lists of refugees pouring across its borders to escape poverty and persecution. Nice going, Robert. You are the best. (Worst.)

Number Two on our list is Omar Al-Bashir of Sudan, who has the distinction of being the only present leader of a nation with an arrest warrant issued by the International Criminal Court for his contributions to the tragedy in Darfur. He's charged with murdering, exterminating, raping, torturing and forcibly transferring large numbers of civilians in order to take their property. Bashir's military campaign has been accused of driving 2.7 million people from their homes since 2003. How can this guy be only number two? I think he is a serious threat to un-seat Robert Mugabe in the not-to-distant future.

Number three on our list of infamy is President Kim Jong Il of North Korea of whom we have spoken previously; he continues to build his army (fourth largest in the world) and is in the throes of developing what he describes as an inter-continental ballistic missile, which would make him possibly the most dangerous of our fearless leaders. And while his people starve, he forces them to take part in monumental, choreographed celebrations of himself and his late father. These celebrations often go on for months. Not attending, of course, are the hundreds of thousands of citizens imprisoned in labour camps for such crimes as hoarding food and anti-socialist activities. Kim Jong Il has recently suffered a stroke, which is good news for just about everyone.



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Weight and see

A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, my doctor confirmed what all of you were thinking. That's right, I've lost weight. "Steve," she said with no small amount of awe, "you've lost a pound since your last appointment two years ago. That makes you 189 pounds of pure, undiluted muscle." Her words, more or less, not mine.

Between you and me, the news was even better than that. I had gone the last two years mistakenly thinking I weighed 200 pounds.

"Notice anything different?" I said to my wife when I returned home, looking as svelte as I've looked in the last two years.

"You've got a mustard stain on your shirt?" she guessed, missing the obvious.

"No," I began gently, "the doctor just confirmed that I lost 11 pounds."

"Really?" she said. "How'd you do that?"

"Well," I replied, "the first 10 were easy."

Of course, uttering this kind of statement to a woman is like saying that the fountain of youth lies somewhere within a slab of cheesecake.

I've never met one who wasn't more

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than a bit curious about the sort of dramatic weight loss that I had so easily achieved.

Oh sure, she tried to act unimpressed, but deep down I could see that it was killing her. After all, she's constantly watching her food intake and trying to remain active.

"The secret," I began, "is having a slow and steady mentality."

"There's no doubt you've got the first part down," she agreed.

"Thanks," I replied, blushing at the compliment.

It's true though. For instance, at dinner last night, I was going to have a third helping of potatoes when I realized that if I did this, there'd only be room for one or two helpings of dessert. So, I summoned all the willpower I had and just said no.

That's the kind of commitment you need if you are looking to lose the kind of weight I did.

And, the other day, rather than sit around watching television, I decided that I needed to be a little more active – so I got up and browsed the Internet.

Obviously, it's all about smart choices and discipline.

Is it worth it? Well, yes.

As you might have guessed, the loss of that pound, and the 10 imagined ones, has energized me. Suddenly, I'm participating in sports again – I watched my daughter's baseball and ball hockey games last week. And, once, when they shot the ball over the boards, I actually put down my book, reached over, and handed it to the nearest player.

I could have thrown it, but I didn't want to risk losing too much weight too quickly. You see that's the mistake a lot of people make when they are trying to shed pounds. They get active and start eating proper portions and stuff.

Take it from me. That's too much of a shock to the system.

With my method, you lull your system into a false sense of security – and then, just like that, over the course of two years, you rob it of a pound, plus 10 extra that you thought you had.

It is all about subtlety. Little things make all the difference in the long run. The other night, I ate one-less French fry at dinner. The week before I resisted the urge to have a 12th celery stick. I no longer take the car to the mailbox at the end of our driveway. These actions add up over the course of two years. Hey, I'm living proof.

I won't lie to you. I'm still 80 years from attaining my fighting weight of 139 pounds. The thing is, I'm gaining momentum. If I keep this up, and suffer through a bout of amoebic dysentery or two and some more hair loss, I'll probably do it in 50.

Sure, it took two years to achieve this Bowflex body. But, the thing is, if I can do it, anyone can. You just have to be able to play the weighting game.



pic of the past

This photos shows St. George's Church burning in the distance in March 1920. J.C. MacKenzie was the new Anglican minister at that time who started to preach in the new frame church which was designed by John Belcher, a Peterborough architect. According to Nila Reynolds' book *In Quest of Yesterday*, the white structure with its bell tower entrance which overlooked Head Lake, contained an organ donated by the widow of humourist Thomas Chandler Haliburton, who chose to perpetuate her husband's memory in a musical way. Its lovely tones led the weekly worship for half a century until Sunday morning, in March 1920, when the beloved building burned to the ground. The present Anglican church of brick, similar in design, was constructed by Mr. E. Fetterley. It was opened by Bishop of Sweeney of Toronto on the morning of October 24, 1923, in the presence of a large congregation which included the popular Rural Dean of Haliburton, the Rev. J.H. Stringer.

letters to the editor

Annie crew in black deserves applause too

To the Editor:

The director and actors certainly conjured magic with the first-rate production of *Annie* at the Northern Lights Pavilion, but the crew of young people made that magic seamless.

I salute Emily Stonehouse, Jenna Dibblee, Shane Dibblee, Travis Stephen, and Loretta Kerr.

They wear black and work in the dark and manipulate multiple sets with precision, care, and creativity. Bravo!

Michael Fay
Minden

Prices are way too high

To the Editor:

We have been coming to Haliburton to our cottage for over 20 years and have always shopped locally. Last year we noticed a bit of a price creep but this year it is way beyond reasonable. We have found prices to be a good 20 per cent higher than elsewhere. We have therefore decided not to shop in Haliburton any more. From now on we will bring whatever groceries and sundries we need from home. If we run out of something, Wilberforce is a better bet price wise.

Rositta Buracas
Toronto

■ SBES WEE CARE SPACE

Awkward timing causes daycare problem

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Even though kids don't have to go back to school until after Labour Day, teachers and custodial staff will be working the week of August 31 and that's causing major problems for Wee Care's daycare program held in the elementary school.

Space normally occupied by bouncing tots at Stuart Baker Elementary School needs to be organized, cleaned and prepared for the incoming students September 7.

"It's not that we don't want to accommodate them," said SBES principal France Meunier. "This is probably the first time [teachers return to school] before Labour Day," she said.

Wee Care administrator Marie Hodgson said space in the school board office has been offered to the group, but it may not comply with daycare guidelines set by the province. For example, there must be specific amounts of natural light, there must be a kitchen, adequate washrooms and square footage.

The other schools can't help either; J.D. Hodgson Elementary School will be under construction with a new elevator being installed and the high school will be occupied by Fleming College students.

"When I mentioned it to the parents they were quite upset about it," Hodgson said.

The Wee Care facility will only hold 15 kids so she is still looking for space to accommodate the young people for the last week of summer. Students return to school September 8.

Using the gymnasium had been suggested to Meunier, but she said it too will be in use even when there are no students there.

"The floor has to be unwaxed and rewaxed and no one can step on it until the kids come back to school," she said.

"It's not because I do things differently," said the principal who is just completing her first year at the school, "it's a difficult year."

■ DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION RETIRES

Verduyn joining education ministry

The director of education for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board has accepted a position with the Ministry of Education.

Kathy Verduyn announced her retirement effective September 25, 2009 at a special meeting.

"I have been blessed to be a part of this board since 1972," Verduyn said. "It will be difficult for me to leave but I feel it is time to seek out new horizons at the provincial level."

Verduyn started as a classroom teacher, then became vice principal, principal, superintendent, and director.

Trustee chairperson Valerie Smith said she will miss Verduyn's administrative leadership.

"She brought a fresh perspective of educating the 'whole child' with special emphasis on ensuring that TLDSB schools are safe and caring learning communities.

"Her compassion and dedication to education is second to none. Trustees have felt very comfortable working with Kathy and have appreciated her leadership."

Verduyn said she is particularly proud of improved student achievement results over her tenure, as well as initiatives such as character development and EcoSchools for which she assumed personal responsibility.

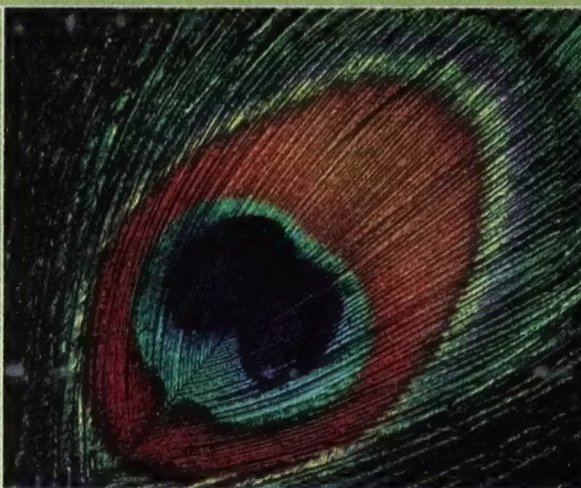
"I know I will be leaving this board in capable hands - there is an excellent roster of superintendents and trustees, as well as dedicated and talented staff at every level who care very deeply about education and the well-being of all of our staff and students," Verduyn said.

She added that she's chosen to leave at the end of September in order to work with the senior team over the summer in planning for the new school year.

Trustees will shortly embark on a search process which may take several months.

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DAYCARE CLOSES

Cardiff daycare closes due to low enrolment

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Enrolment was so low this summer that Cardiff's daycare closed for good last week, its administrator confirmed.

Wee Care, the service provider for the program at Cardiff Elementary School, had been running the daycare for two years, but never had enough kids to cover its expenses.

"It was a great centre to run, we really enjoyed it there," Marie Hodgson said. "We gave it our best shot."

At its highest point there were six children attending daycare in Cardiff. This summer only three were enrolled.

"Numbers had been low all along ... and there were no more grants," Hodg-

son said.

The daycare program began in 2007 and start-up funding came from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the City of Kawartha Lakes. The hope was that children from the whole region would come to the daycare, but the reality was that only families from the hamlet of Cardiff came in.

After the initial grant money ran out there was no more funding available and Wee Care Haliburton funds had to be used to keep the Cardiff centre afloat.

"The onus is on us to run a viable program ... and fall projections were down as well," Hodgson said.

There are provincial standards that the daycare had to live up to, one being that there must be one full-time staff member for every 10 children or less. Wee Care

We gave it our best shot.

Marie Hodgson

provided one full-time early childhood worker, a part-time worker and a part-time aide.

"You have to staff like you have other children [than three]," Hodgson said.

She said the three families using the

centre would have to find alternate arrangements this summer.

Two of the families will probably use the Bancroft daycare, while the other family was using the centre on a part-time basis and may have to find a babysitter.

The centre closed July 3.

Hodgson said there might be a chance the school board will seek out a new service provider to take a contract running a daycare in Cardiff.

The school board representative could not be reached for this article.

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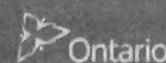
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CANADA DAY

Singing in the rain

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A true Canadian doesn't wilt under a little rain. A true Canadian just opens his or her umbrella and starts to sing the national anthem with gusto and enthusiasm – or that's what the people who gathered in front of the Wilberforce Outpost Museum did on Wednesday morning when the rain started to fall on the Canada Day festivities.

MC Hilda Clark enjoined people to put with a little dampness and enjoy the tribute to the nation which was celebrating its 142nd birthday. The traditional songs

played by violinist Bethany Houghton and guitarist Ernie Demuth certainly did a lot to get people's minds off the rain. Then the crowd joined together to sing This Land is Our Land, lead by the always enthusiastic Marg Jeske, before heading to the former hospital's backyard for refreshments and more musical entertainment. People were also invited to tour the museum, which is a national heritage site because of its distinction of being the first Red Cross outpost hospital in Ontario. Also taking part in the celebration were the Wilberforce Legion's colour party and volunteer firefighters who helped kept the crowd lining the road safe.



Marg Jeske helped the crowd ignore the rain by getting them to sing a rousing rendition of This Land is Your Land.



Left: Evelyn Johnston hasn't missed a Canada Day celebration in most of her 93 years.



Right: Robbie Kloosterman got in the spirit by decorating his face with Canada Day tattoos.

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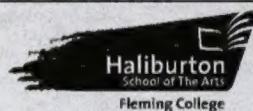
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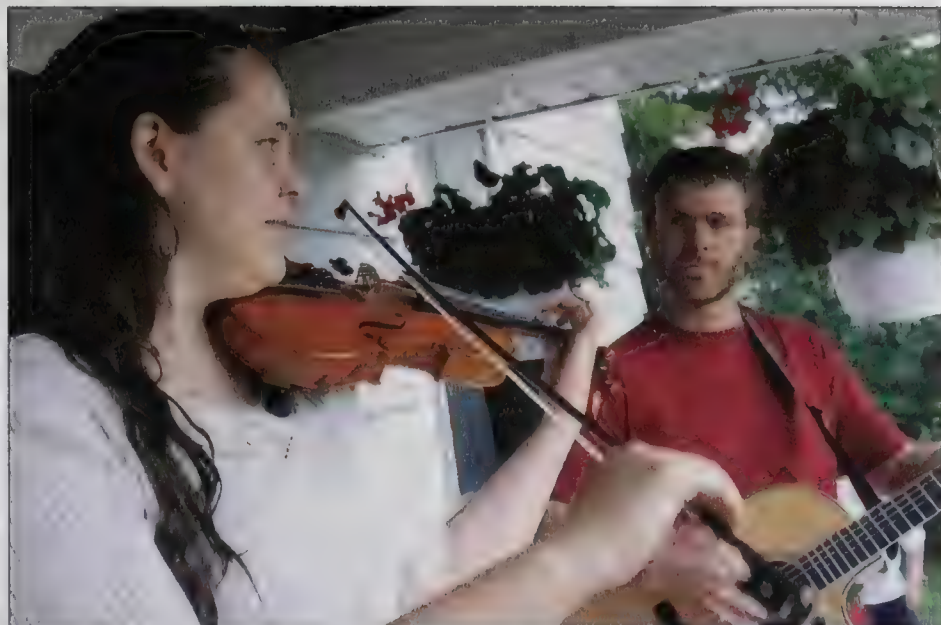
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Left: The beautiful music provided by violinist Bethany Houghton and guitarist Ernie Demuth transported the crowd back in time.

Right: Keeping dry under an umbrella are Marilyn Hadley and Norma Growden.



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Left: Sharing a raincoat and a laugh during the festivities were cousins Logan Garrick, Destiny Burns and Tyler Garrick.

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"Canoe FM is delighted to receive this exciting national award in recognition of its community involvement," says station co-ordinator Roxanne Casey.

Canoe FM also received an honourable mention in two other categories. The first was for Creative Production for a public service announcement for the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament featuring Constable Mark McMaster and James Reilly; the second was for current affairs or magazine show for Jerilyn Craden's Fireside Stories.

Both of these productions were produced in the Canoe FM studio by Nick Bronson.

The awards ceremony in Montreal was hosted by Pat Dillon-Moore from the National Film Board and a former station manager at CKUT-FM in Montreal.

She presented each winner a trophy of a railway spike collected in Montreal from a decommissioned rail yard under the Turcot highway interchange, currently being dismantled.

They represent an ongoing commitment to connecting the country through technology.

The awards had submissions from new and longstanding members and campus and community stations working in both rural and urban areas recognizing the diversity of the community radio sector.

100.9 Canoe FM is a community radio station staffed primarily by volunteers.

Greg Roe, the chairman of the board of 100.9 Canoe FM, and Roxanne Casey, the community radio station's co-ordinator, are very proud of the three awards the station recently won. They're also quite pleased with the recent two-day radiothon.

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GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Two Highlanders book passage to India with Rotary

Haliburton County is fortunate this year to have two residents chosen to represent Rotary district 7010 on a group study exchange to New Delhi, India.

Haliburton Fleming College principal Sandra Dupret and *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times* reporter Jenn Watt were both successful in their applications to take part in the month-long trip.

Group study exchanges are sponsored by Rotary International to foster intercultural learning, understanding and peace.

Exchange participants are billeted by Rotary members from the host country and get to experience life in another country.

In most cases exchange participants get to visit workplaces for their own vocations – in the case of Dupret and Watt, schools and newspapers, respectively.

Sandra Dupret has been principal and dean at Fleming College's arts campus for nearly two years. Also an artist specializing in printmaking, Dupret is being sponsored locally by the Haliburton Rotary club.

Watt, sponsored by the Minden Rotary club, was the *Minden Times* reporter for a year before moving to the *Haliburton Echo* in October, 2008.



They will be part of a five-person team from the district. Other participants are team leader Louise Goulet of North Bay, Heather Ryman of North Bay and Laura Wilson of Collingwood.

The team leaves at the beginning of January to return

one month later.

Throughout the experience they will be updating a blog online with photos, video and stories about their travels. Go to gse2010.blogspot.com to keep up with their latest adventures.

Haliburton Echo and *Minden Times* reporter Jenn Watt and Fleming College principal Sandra Dupret were both selected to travel to India with Rotary International's group study exchange program. They will be flying to New Delhi in January 2010. Photo by Louise Goulet.

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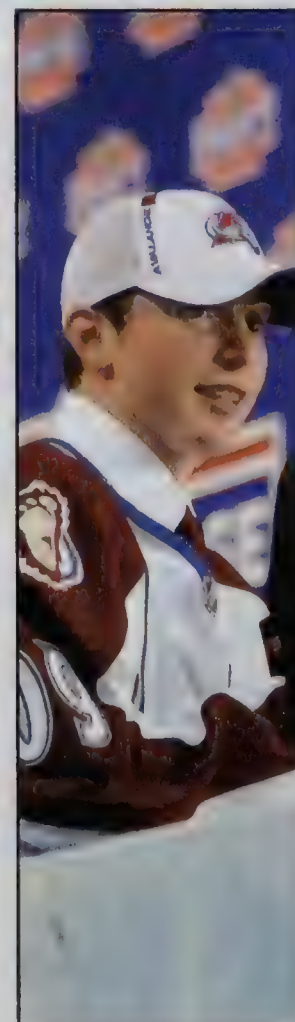
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■ PLACES FOR PEOPLE

Possession party!

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

After four years of planning, the Places For People Haliburton County committee finally has reason to celebrate.

On July 3, the non-profit corporation officially took possession of its first property – 19 George Street.

Until recently the home of Haliburton Dance Arts – and before that the Haliburton Orange Hall – the building will be renovated to accommodate two low-cost housing units.

In front of a crowd of 30 people, committee president Fay Martin addressed supporters, including members, parliament Barry Devolin and Rick Johnson, Andy Campbell and Evelyn Beeby of the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the members of the community who donated anywhere from \$1 to \$1,000 who made the dream a reality.

"We wanted to have the community to join us to celebrate," said Martin.

Devolin, who grew up in Haliburton, agreed that homelessness in cities is well documented but says that just because there aren't as many stories about rural homelessness compared to the city that it doesn't mean it's not happening.

"People need places to live," he said.

Johnson said, "This is such a wonderful example of the community pulling together to address a need."

As a former Trillium Lakelands District School Board trustee, Johnson's seen what the breakfast club program has done for students, so he understands the need for organizations like Places For People and affordable housing.

Representing Dysart et al was Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, who has represented the county on the housing board for Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes since 1995.

"The most number of phone calls I probably get over the years have been, 'Where can we find affordable housing in Haliburton County?'"

Not pointing fingers at Devolin or Johnson, he said that both the province and the federal governments walked away from the housing industry some time ago and that it was important to get them back on board because "little municipalities can't sustain them on their own."

Davis credited people like Martin who volunteer and make things happen.

In the past four years HCDC chair Evelyn Beeby has been able to attend many of the meetings of the volunteer housing group.

"I can tell you there was a great deal of passion and determination and dedication in terms of getting this off the ground," said Beeby.

The small building on George Street will become a rental accommodation in the form of two three-bedroom apartments and will be rented to people who need access to affordable housing.

For more information about Places For People visit www.placesforpeople.ca.



There was a great crowd on hand for the ribbon cutting possession party of Places For People at 19 George Street on July 3. The inset photo of the house is what the finished two, three-bedroom apartment will look like.

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Dyno mine abandoned in 1960, still lies dormant

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people in the Bancroft area in 1959 to none in 1964.

The prospect of new mines opening to continue the work left off 50 years ago has got the community, including a large cottager population, divided. Some, like Sanderson, think it would bring much-needed employment to the dwindling population.

Others, like Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration (FUME), say it would damage a pristine landscape and could poison the flora and fauna of the area.

"I don't see [another mine] as a health hazard," Sanderson said over a coffee at Crossroads Café.

Uranium resurfaces

The debate was sparked when Bancroft Uranium voiced an interest in mining and people's properties near Tory Hill were suddenly dotted with prospectors' stakes. In the year that followed, the price of uranium has dropped to the point where mining is not immediately profitable, but concerns persist.

Robin Simpson, a lead anti-uranium voice, worries not only about future mines, but what is left of the old ones – like Dyno, where Sanderson once worked.

He and his partner Christine Atrill have been on the front line of the anti-uranium fight with FUME and have explored Dyno Mine, despite the warning signs at the gate.

"You just walk around the gate. It's pretty fun in there," he said in an interview.

In 1960 when Dyno officially closed, it was simply abandoned. The mining shafts were still open and structures still remained on the site.

The tailings, the waste products from the mining process, were also left in the settling pond, Farrel Lake. According to Michele Proulx's Trent University master's thesis on uranium mining in the Bancroft area, "only 15 per cent of the

total radioactivity of the ore is extracted through the production of yellowcake; the balance of 85 per cent remains in the tailings and waste rock."

It wasn't until 17 years after the mine closed that legislation was introduced to force companies to clean up mining leftovers.

According to Proulx, Dyno Mine produced 570,000 tonnes of tailings in two years.

In 1989 the Ontario Interministry Abandoned Mines Committee made recommendations on Dyno mine, including replacing a missing barricade, monitoring the dam that held the tailings in the pond, fencing the area to prevent a falling hazard and clearing debris from foundations of the buildings. "The radiological inspection concluded that ... [the site did not represent] a hazard for recreational uses such as hiking or skiing, but that continuous occupancy could present a hazard," according to Proulx.

Proulx's thesis report outlines the mitigation efforts on the property completed by the then-owner, Conwest.

A spillway was created on the tailings dam to drain standing water and seedlings were planted on the surface in 1992. Provincial and federal officials monitored the water quality levels coming from the site.

Safety question

"We got home [after visiting the mine] – we don't have any cable here, just rabbit ears on our TV and get three stations quite poorly – and the day we came back from the Dyno Mine we got about five new stations," Simpson said.

Although the sign at the gate tells people to keep out, Simpson said it's obvious people visit the decommissioned site regularly.

"We were there last year in hunting season, and there were guys in there hunting for sure. There were shells on the road and boot marks. We didn't see anybody. It's supposed to be patrolled, but it isn't, or it certainly wasn't while



Ken Sanderson holds out on old photo of himself, left, and a coworker at the Dyno mine in the late 1950s.

we were in there. We walked right in on the main road," he said.

Dyno Mine is now owned by EnCana – acquired with other assets in 1995. They are under contract by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to maintain the safety of the site and say they have no interest in reopening it as a mine.

Though EnCana discourages people from trespassing on the property, they also say that water testing has indicated that nothing is awry and that the tailings are not a danger to the environment.

"When we acquired it as just another asset that was owned by Conwest when we purchased Conwest. We then assumed responsibilities [to] manage and monitor the site so that it's maintained in a stable condition and in concert with the regulations of the province," said EnCana's manager of media relations, Alan Boras.

EnCana has done some work on the site, though nothing has been done with the tailings, Boras said.

In 2003, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment studied the impacts of the Madawaska, Biccroft and Dyno mines and found that levels of uranium and other heavy metals were higher than would be expected in nearby bodies of water.

"At all three mine sites, levels of radium-226, uranium-238, and gross alpha and beta emitters in the surface waters were elevated above background levels ... and that levels occasionally exceeded the provincial water quality objectives," the report says.

The government was conducting the tests because the current owners floated the idea that the former mines would become Crown land.

The results of the testing on Dyno mine "suggested that some of the metals have been transported out of Farrel Lake. The relatively high surface concentrations of uranium in the pond sediments suggest input from external sources, such as Farrel Lake, is an ongoing process," the report says.

Finally, the report asked that fish sampling be done and that after remediation by the property owners, more water testing be done.

EnCana said that they have done that remedial work and that the water quality now passes the provincial guidelines.

"The mining equipment was removed, non-foundation parts of the structures were demolished when it was first acquired, concrete foundations were de-

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EnCana feels safety measures are adequate

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molished in 2006, the tailings dam site was reinforced with a berm. There were 14 shafts that were capped, made secure and inspected. The site is subject to annual inspections by the regulators and we make sure what we're meeting Canadian and Ontario regulations. We do some surface water testing on an annual basis," he said.

EnCana was not aware that people would visit the property, but in a subsequent email, media relations staff said there was no risk to people from the tailings.

"There are signs indicating that it is private property and is a former rehabilitated uranium mine and contains hazardous materials. The surface water nearby has been tested and it does not pose a health issue. Because it is a former mine site there are potential dangers such steep areas with rocks etc... People should understand that it is private land and it's not a place to be walking around," Carole Howes wrote.

Dana Pandolfi, project officer for the waste and decommissioning division of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, echoes Howes's sentiments.

"It's not necessarily dangerous," she said. "It's an old mine site, so all of the things have been capped, there's tripping hazards because there are rocks and such around. It's not dangerous per se. It's not like if you were at the nuclear site and you were going to the core," she said.

The CNSC oversees individual owners of decommissioned mining sites, like EnCana. Pandolfi said part of EnCana's licence conditions include securing the property and ensuring it's safe.

"We know that [trespassing] happens, simply because it's located near other areas and sometimes people just stumble upon it and don't realize that from one area to the next," she said.

"They can't fence the entire 40 to 50 kilometres. We just want to make sure there are barriers at the entrances, the main roads and such and around the tailing area."

Uranium can be safe, some say

Ken Sanderson agrees with EnCana and the CNSC. He worked in the mine with very little protective gear and he lives with yellowcake in his home and he's still alive and healthy at age 84.

While at Dyno Mine Sanderson worked in the preparation lab.

"When the samples of ore came to the lab we had to put it in an oven and it was dried like powder. I did that for one month," he said.

He said the powder was like beach sand. It was weighed and then went to the "castle," which was a cylinder that took a reading to determine how much ore was in the sample.

"Sure, there would be a certain amount of rays, but



A man walks along the berm at the decommissioned Dyno mine in Highlands East. Photo courtesy of FUME.

not injurious to workers. They worked right in it with gloves on," he said.

The rest of the time Sanderson worked in the wet lab, mixing high and low grade ores together. "There's a lot of ore down there yet," he said.

To get to the uranium, they mixed salt and sulphuric acid.

"Tankers of acid would come in and that was our main concern," he said. The acid went out with the slag, Sanderson said.

"It went out in the soil as far as runoff," he said. It was contained in ponds so it would leach away. "I guess a lot of it is still there."

The danger, it seemed to Sanderson, was in the mining itself. While he worked at Dyno Mine he remembers a few coworkers dying in the shafts. One was cleaning patuka tubes and was asphyxiated by the gas.

The work was good, while it lasted. It was the best paying job in the area and employed a lot of local people. Then in 1960 the mine closed down. Sanderson ended up moving on to cut green pulpwood with his brother-in-law to support the two children he had at the time.

Legacy of mining

The legacy of the mine troubles some people, if not Sanderson.

Simpson worries that in the time between when the mine was closed and when decommissioning work was done a lot of radioactive waste got out into the environment.

"The remediation was done very recently ... meaning it sat there for 40 years without any mitigation at all," he said.

Dr. Gordon Edwards, president of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility and a mathematics professor at Vanier College, is similarly concerned about the tailings pond.

"Most people nowadays have heard about radon gas because it's a problem indoors, but it's also an outdoor problem ... Every atom of radon gas starts off as an atom of radium and every atom of radium starts off as an atom of uranium, so in fact the radium that goes into the tailings is continually producing radon gas, the result is that the tailings ... produces 10,000 times as much radon as you would get from normal soil," Edwards said.

"That's a problem in itself because if that stuff gets scattered when you can get cracks developing. It can also happen with burrowing animals, through roots of plants, there are various ways that passageways can be made to make it easier for the radon to get out."

There has been no known recent testing of the radiation levels of Dyno, so Edwards wouldn't comment on the specific area, but noted that the tailings must be protected for thousands of years and will never be safe in our lifetimes.

"Once the mine closes down, there's really nobody on a daily basis in charge of this stuff and it's really toxic material. That's the problem. It is dilute because there is a large quantity of the tailings and the amount of this material is small, in terms of grams ... but the toxicity is enormous," he said.

"For every ton of uranium they take away from the mine by extracting it, they leave behind a small amount of polonium 210 ... it's 250 billion times more toxic than cyanide," he said.

"Over the decades ... it leaches into the ground water, it's disseminated into the air through gas, and also if it's not properly covered, it can blow in the wind and it can wash into the river systems," he said.

It is not known how thick the ground cover is on the Dyno Mine tailings. Conwest did seed over the tailings after draining the water away from them, but EnCana representatives said they've done nothing more since then and have no knowledge of the depth of the cover.

Edwards said there's really no way to know what kind of impact the radon gas and uranium-laced water of the past may have had. Now, he said, the big concern would be the groundwater for any people living near the site.

"You need an in-depth study. People have to come and study the area," he said.

EnCana and CNSC are both satisfied with the protections in place. The groundwater is tested, they say, and stands up to provincial standards for mineral levels. There is no danger to pedestrians who happen on the site when it comes to radiation, they say.



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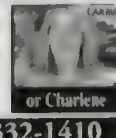
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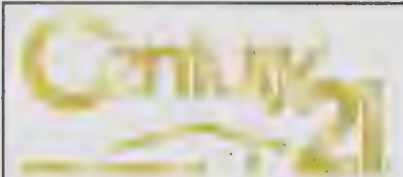
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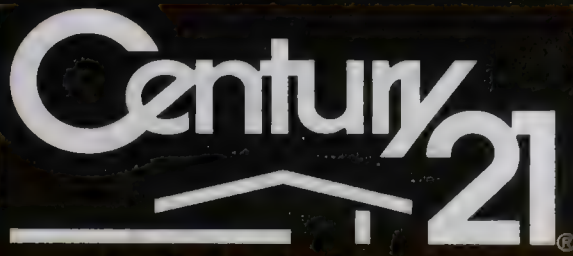
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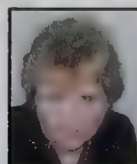


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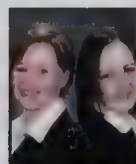
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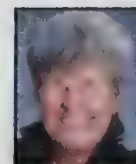
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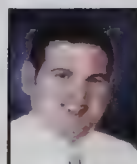
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Duchene's been an Avalanche fan since boyhood

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Between shots a little boy — pen and paper in hand — shyly approached. Duchene spots the youngster and reads the situation like he would a play on the ice.

Would the boy like an autograph?

When Duchene was six, about the same age as the thrilled little boy with the new autograph, all he wanted for Christmas was a jersey of his favourite team, the Colorado Avalanche. On Christmas morning he discovered a Avs jersey spinning slowly round and round, hanging from a fan.

Five months earlier, on June 11, 1996, the Colorado Avalanche became Stanley Cup champions in just their first year as a new franchise after replacing the Quebec Nordiques.

On the entry draft stage inside the Bell Centre on June 26, Duchene put on his new Avs jersey. High above his head, hanging in the rafters, were the retired Montréal Canadiens player numbers, 9 and 33 which belong to Maurice "The Rocket" Richard and Patrick Roy, respectively.

Roy was Duchene's favourite goalie as a kid and he currently wears the No. 9 in honour of Richard. Duchene's draft year is of course '09 and to top off the numbers connection, the area code in Denver is 303.

After arriving home from the draft, Vince began to clean out Matt's closet in preparation of his move to Colorado. It was then he found an envelope dated May 16, 2003. Inside there was a computer typed and printed letter addressed to the Colorado Avalanche, attention: Peter Forsberg.

Duchene, also known for his artistic side, had done a sketch of Forsberg. He was writing the Swedish hockey star asking if he'd sign it for him. The letter and sketch, however, were never sent.

Like many families in Haliburton, the Duchenes attended church when the kids were young. However, because of their busy schedules, they don't attend much any more. But Duchene says they're still a religious family: they believe certain things and behave in ways that follow the Bible. Duchene is part of a group called Hockey Ministries International, which his Haliburton hockey pal Chris Petrow introduced him too. Other members of HMI include Calgary Flames centreman Jerome Iginla and Joe Sakic, the Avalanche's captain.



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Matt Duchene holds up a letter that he meant to send Peter Forsberg of the Colorado Avalanche back in 2003. The letter included a drawing the young Haliburton fan had done of the Swedish hockey star. Last week, Duchene visited the Avalanche dressing room in Denver to meet his new teammates. The Associated Press quoted him as saying, "It's surreal and amazing to be here. I can't believe it, walking in here and seeing all the pictures of all those guys I grew up watching."

While Duchene says the religious aspect of his life is more about treating people the way he'd like to be treated, before the Duchenes left their hotel in Montreal for the Bell Centre, the family said a little prayer.

"And the prayer was 'It's in God's hands,'" said Vince. "It's what he wants and we know that he will do the best for our family and for our son."

But it's more than that, says Vince. He knows Matt dreamed of that team and during the car rides to games, Vince used Sakic as a prime example of how a great hockey player handled himself on and off the ice.

"I believed in his leadership, his incredible passion for the game," he said. "So everything we could ever do for [Matt]... it all led to this place in time, this moment in time right here. You could not write this script so I don't think its fate, it's God doing his work. And it ended today — no, it's begun today."

Let's speed things up:

Two of Matt's cousins are named Owen and Nolan but their names have nothing to do with the Irish-born hockey player Owen Nolan, who was drafted first overall in 1990 by the Quebec Nordiques, which became the Colorado Avalanche just five months before Duchene was born.

Duchene's coach in Brampton with the Battalion is Stan Butler, who just happens to be very good friends

with Craig Billington, the Avs current assistant general manager and vice president of hockey operations.

Duchene's cousin, Adam Brown, the No. 2 goalie for the Kelowna Rockets this past season, said it was unreal and a bit odd watching his cousin get drafted.

"Watching him up there with the Colorado Avalanche jersey was weird to see because it was always in his room and all over the walls," said Brown.

In Duchene's basement framed are signed Joe Sakic and Patrick Roy jerseys.

Brown also recalled a time when he, Duchene, and the family were up at the cabin in Haliburton playing a card game with Colorado Avalanche trading cards.

"We were up all night playing that card game 'War' with trading cards. It's just weird to see that jersey on him."

As mentioned, Duchene played last season with the Battalion and was selected by the Avalanche — so was current Colorado Avalanche centreman Wojtek Wolski.

So whether you're a believer of science and coincidence or the hand of God, it's tough to deny that Duchene truly belongs with the Colorado Avalanche.

"They were as happy I as I was," said Duchene at the draft about landing with the Avalanche. "As soon as I put on anything that has an Avalanche crest on it and actually wear it on the ice it's going to be unbelievable."

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Local anglers win first local Bassmania

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It took four years of lobbying to get Bassmania to Haliburton, and local anglers didn't hesitate to make the most of their knowledge of the area.

Scott Bird of Minden and his fishing partner Mark Hamilton, who grew up in Minden but now lives in Lindsay, won the coveted tournament. Fellow Highlanders Mark McMaster and Jon Hill came fourth.

Bird and Hamilton had a combined fish weight of 17.88 pounds; almost two pounds more than the second-place finishers, Harry and Linda Bird. McMaster and Hill had a combined weight of 13.26 pounds.

"It was nice to win here at home," says Bird.

"The bass didn't co-operate," says Pat Kennedy, a local angler who has been trying to get the Competitive Sports Fishing League to come to the Highlands for years. "The guys were pretty frustrated."

With such a wet spring, the lakes are taking longer to warm up and bass were late in spawning. Bass can usually be found in weedy water but after spawning, they go to deeper water to recuperate, Kennedy says, and as a result anglers had a harder time finding the bigger fish.

Bird and Hamilton had a healthy catch but after that, Kennedy noted, "it dropped off in a hurry."

But that doesn't take away from the overall success of the event. Both Bassmania and Kennedy are pleased with how smoothly things went.

The event is usually held on Rice Lake and there's a reluctance amongst competitors to try new waters, Kennedy says. One couple arrived five days before the July 1 competition to get accustomed to the five-lake chain where the event was held (Head, Grass, Kashagawigamog, Soyers and Canning lakes).



Highlanders Mark Hamilton and Scott Bird show off two of the bass that helped them win Haliburton's first Bassmania event on July 1.

Kennedy arrived at Head Lake at 4:30 on Wednesday morning and, with the help and co-operation of roads superintendent Brian Nicholson, was able to get the boats of all 77 teams in the water by 6:30.

"It was pretty impressive," Kennedy says of the way all the trucks, trailers and boats were moved in and out of the launch area. "The system we had worked great."

Fishing began at 7:30 in the morning and by late afternoon the anglers were back at Head Lake Park to find out who had won the catch-and-release tournament. (The awards ceremony was supposed to be held in the park but the ground was too wet. The parking lot was used instead.)

Kennedy says that organizers "had quite a few comments on how well it was run and the hospitality of the town. I'm just really tickled by the way it went and

they're coming back."

The league has agreed to add a "northern tour" to the competitive season. This will include Haliburton, Lake of Bays, Muskoka and possibly Balsam Lake.

In the league, teams fish five tournaments in a series and use the best four results for the chance to qualify for the classic event and win \$50,000 in prizes.

Bird would like to thank County Auto and Rad, Wild Outdoors, Bill Skelding Enterprises and Ridgewood Ford for their support.

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By Elva V. Bates

I'm impressed with the way the places and people flow along and it's so well written.

SK

Thunder Bay

I prefer non-fiction rather than novels but I can't put 'Goodroom, eh?' down!

CD

Gooderham

I don't know how you got [my ancestors'] dialect! You'd think you were right there with them.

EM

Minden

I was there when it started and you've done a marvelous job [of Goodroom, eh?]

DB

Minden

I want to compliment you on your novel, 'Goodroom, eh'. I have just started to read it and I am finding it difficult to put it down. I particularly enjoy the way that you have made your characters come alive.

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CANADA'S 142ND BIRTHDAY

West Guilford celebrates Canada Day

Reeve announces \$120,000 for community centre renos

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

It was a rain and shine Canada Day in West Guilford July 1, but mostly shine, especially when organizers announced that \$120,000 would be spent a new roof and heating/cooling system.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey and local ward councillor Janis Parker shared the news during the Canada Day opening ceremonies.

Fearrey said the community has overcome a number of major problems with the building over the years. The latest improvements – which will be paid for through a federal, provincial and municipal stimulus fund – will make the building so efficient that it will likely pay for itself after five years.

Citizen of the Year

West Guilford residence Kay Morrison presented this year's West Guilford Citizen of the Year award to Shirley Johnston.

As a member of the West Guilford community centre committee, Johnston has made a significant impact in her community, along with the Canada Day committee and the Snow Shuffle. She's also started a walking club and was part of the Woman on Snow snowmobiling event.

Johnston was also one of four mothers who tackled the Haliburton minor hockey association's financial woes, and within one year the club was back on track and even making money. She also played an instrumental role on bringing the first Tim-Bits hockey to Haliburton.

As a member of Maple Lake United Church, she volunteers her baked goods and has won a number of Canada Day pie-baking contests.

Originally from Uxbridge, she said in her brief acceptance speech that she considers West Guilford her "home and loves having her kids live here too."

Fun, games, and fireworks

While rain forced the opening ceremonies indoors, the clouds passed long enough for the kids' games as well as the horseshoe tournament, swim races, ball toss, men's and ladies' cross cut, kids' scavenger hunt, and annual prizes for most descendents, and the youngest and oldest participant.

Meat man Logan Roberts attended to the roast beef on the rotisserie throughout the day for the annual barbecue dinner and, again, the rain held off for the beautiful fireworks display.

Some of the prize winners were: Pine Lake Swim, Blake Paton; oldest woman was Phrona Sisson, 88; oldest man was Ray Sisson, 85; youngest girl Leah Johnston, born April 27, 2009; and youngest boy was Rylan Sisson born June, 2009.



Shirley Johnston was surrounded by family when she was presented with the Citizen of the Year award – aunt Iris Freeman, son Darren, daughter-in-law Teresa with granddaughter Leah, husband Bruce, grandsons Cullen and Sam Johnston, daughter Teresa Bird, great-niece Rebecca Kidd and niece Jennifer Kidd. Son-in-law Scott Bird was not able to attend the ceremony since he was busy winning the Bassmania fishing tournament in Haliburton.



Get him! Tom Paul has his hands full.



Riley Cooney accepts his first place ribbon for this year's Canada Day decorative bike contest champion.



Potato sack winner Cody Stamp leaps into the arms of his dad on Canada Day at the West Guilford Community Centre. Rain forced the opening ceremonies indoors but the rain cleared just in time for the kids' games.



Canada Day was topped off with some fireworks.



A group of girls hop their hardest to the finish line of a potato sack race.

• Photos by Matt James •



Josh Boice and Chase Burden, 9, leap from the West Guilford public beach. It's warm once you get in, right boys?!



After the morning rain passed it got hot, which was the perfect reason for Ella Stamp, 4, to convince her dad, Mark, to buy her and her sisters an ice cream.



Mark Prindiville sports a festive Canada Day hat as he plays in the horseshoes tournament.

CANADA DAY

Blake Paton wins swim race

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Eleanor Cooper
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West Guilford's Canada Day celebrations began with the Pine Lake swim. There were six participants with Blake Paton the winner. Two rounds of horseshoes were accomplished before rain drowned out that activity, winners being Art Grant and Shawn McCord. Running races were held also despite the rain and the faithful workers at the hotdog and hamburger stand continued sales and service under shelter. Riley Cooney had the best decorated bike. The youngest boy, Rylan Sisson, was only a few weeks old and the youngest girl was Leah Johnston. The oldest man this year was Ray

Sisson and the oldest woman, Phrona Sisson, was also part of the largest family in attendance. The pie contest was won by Kay Morrison with her rhubarb pie, second was Claire Sylvan and third Alice Jones. Crosscut saw winners were Lee and Andy Perrin.

Hats off to the valiant committee who persevered with it all in spite of adverse weather. Opening ceremonies went on indoors instead of out and Earl Cooper piped O Canada for us all to sing, while Alice Paul and Greg Crofts raised and held the flag.

The dinner of roast beef, salads and pie was served buffet style indoors and the celebration ended at night with a truly spectacular fireworks display from the floating docks on Pine Lake.

Hearty thanks to all who assisted in any way to once again ensure the success of an event of which we can all be



Gary Cooper launches a shoe, winning game three on the day. /Photo by Matt James

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From Lottie Ruttan comes the news of her son Eric Edwards volunteering this year not as a biker but with the kitchen end of things and as a driver for to help raise funds for breast cancer research. This trip started in Vancouver and goes to Halifax and has been sponsored by Sears for the second year. The crew has stopped at cancer hospitals along the

way to encourage those undergoing treatment.

Euchre on Tuesday, July 30 saw Norma Geddis and Gerald Hadley with highest scores, Myra Marshall and Ray Sisson with low and Colleen Dennison and Ioan Kernohan with most lone hands. Kathleen Owens is home after two weeks travelling in Cornwall, North Wales and Scotland.

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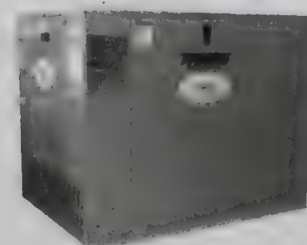
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Hockey pro loves golf, and Fleming

For the past three years, retired NHLer Bernie Nicholls has flown home to the Highlands to host the charity golf tournament for Fleming College. To say thanks, the college presented the West Guilford native and his fiancée Jun Lee with wire sculptures created by Eagle Lake artist Chuck O'Neil. This year's tournament at the Pinestone golf course was a success, especially since the 104 participants were willing to golf through four hours of rain. Their dedication raised \$20,000 for the college.

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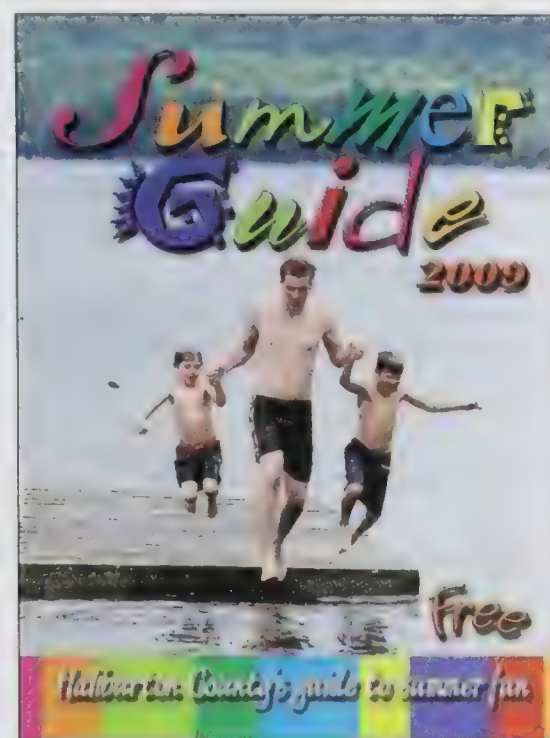
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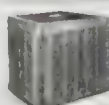
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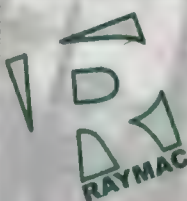
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Hilda Clark
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"Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head" could easily have been the theme song at the Canada Day celebrations in Wilberforce this year. But even rain couldn't dampen the spirits or wash out the enthusiasm of most who attended. So O Canada reigned as it rained, God Save the Queen and This Land Is Your Land led by Margaret Jeske were sung heartily by all and accompanied by the violin, cello and guitar music of Bethany Houghton and Ernie Demuth. Legion members brought colour and pageantry to the program. Flags waved proudly.

Ernie and Bethany entertained with a variety of numbers including their own Canadian compositions. They continued later under tents joining escapees from the rain then finally made it a "kitchen party." Though wet or damp under colourful umbrellas and tents, many did enjoy refreshments which included ice cream and Canada Day cake. There was even a cake celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Red Cross.

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild, which hosted the event, appreciates the cheerful participation and all the contributions made for this celebration of our country's 142nd birthday.

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To pay tribute to Helen and Murray Linkert and Murray's son Rick, friends joined the family on Saturday, July 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Helen died in October 2008, Murray in January 2009. This celebration of their lives was held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624 in Wilberforce in recognition of Murray's military service in World War II.

At the Red Cross Outpost Historic House there will be children's programs this Wednesday, July 8 and on July 22 from 1:15 to 2 p.m. Activities appropriate for youngsters age six to 11 will introduce them to items at the museum and its significance as the first hospital in Haliburton County, the first Ontario Red Cross Outpost and a National Historic Site. The museum is open daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. this summer.

Also on the grounds of the Outpost the annual Croquet Games and Afternoon Tea-By-The-Lake will take place on Tuesday, July 14. All are welcome for a friendly game and/or tea beginning at 1:30 p.m..

The Tory Hill Market had a successful first day for this summer season on Sunday July 5. Lots of local produce, fresh baked goods and local artisans with their creations will be at this market every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during July and August. You can't miss it there at the Tory Hill Park where Cty Rd 503 meets Hwy 118. Call 448-9785 or contact toryhillmarket@gmail.com for more information.



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

The Wilberforce Legion's colour party took part in the July 1 festivities at the outpost museum. There was a special salute to the Red Cross, which is celebrating its 100th birthday. The museum started its life as the first Red Cross outpost hospital in Ontario.

The Ghost Walker by R D Lawrence is back in print. It was relaunched at the RD Lawrence Place in Minden on July 3 by Sharon Lawrence, widow of the author. The Ontario Puma Foundation president attended and spoke about its work to protect pumas which are currently listed as an endangered species in Ontario.

Congratulations to the Highlands East Cultural Association for having produced a colourful brochure, Day-Tripper Adventure Guide. It contains great ideas and information that should interest visitors in exploring the area that includes Tory Hill, Wilberforce, Gooderham, Irondale, Kinmount and Harcourt. Great detailed map too!

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The average temperature was 15.9°C, a few degrees cooler than last June. The rainfall was much more last June. The wettest day was June 8, with 24.6 ml (1 inch) of rain.

Average high: 22.5°C, 72.5°F

Average low: 9.4°C, 48.9°F

Average for the month: 15.9°C, 60.6°F

Average for last June 2008: 17.6°C, 63.6°F

Highest temperature, June 24: 32.0°C, 89.6°F

Lowest temperature, June 5: 0.0°C, 32.0°F

Rain: 66 ml, 2.5 in

Total precipitation: 66.0 ml, 2.5 in

Total precipitation for Last June: 109.4 mm, 4.3 in

Days mostly sunny: 18

Days with rain: 8

Days with thunderstorms: 4

River temperature, June 30: 20.5°C, 69.0°F



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for the following position

Office Administrator & Book Keeper.

The ideal candidate will have experience working in an office setting and event planning; possess strong computer and financial management skills; have experience using Simply Accounting; and have completed a post-secondary degree or diploma. In addition, they will have knowledge of Haliburton County and, an understanding of the not for profit sector. The position is a 28 hours/week one year contract, covering a maternity leave. Flexible hours and start date. The hourly wage is \$16.50.

For more information or to apply
please contact:

Heather Reid

c/o U-Links Centre for
Community-Based Research
Box 655, Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Fax: (705) 286-3511

Phone: 705-286-2411

Email: ulinks@on.aibn.com

www.ulinks.ca

**Applications must be received by
4:30pm on July 17, 2009.**

*U-Links is a project of the Haliburton
County Community Cooperative*

Career & Business Opportunities

SIRCH
Community Services
& Consulting

PILOT PROJECT MANAGER

SIRCH is partnering with Rails End Gallery to pilot a "cottage industry" which will interweave recycling, job creation, and arts & crafts.

This 7 month initiative, ending March 2010, will require a self-motivated **Project Manager** to organize the pilot, recruit participants, collect recyclable materials, organize training, production and distribution.

The products, a variety of enviro-bags and sock creatures, will be sold, with profit sharing among the project participants.

The Project Manager will work largely independently with support from SIRCH. Pilot project budget: \$14,500. For a pilot project outline, please email marg_hockley@sirch.on.ca.

Interested parties please send a letter of intent and resume by July 31, 2009 to Gena Robertson, Executive Director, SIRCH Community Services, Box 687, Haliburton.



SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS EXPANDING!

Home Support Workers

3 Permanent Part Time Positions Available

To support the expanded program in Minden and Haliburton, individuals are required to provide personal support services and essential homemaking to frail and/or cognitively impaired person(s) whose service requirements justify the need for 24-hour access to a Home Support Worker. Duties of the Home Support Worker will include providing personal care, light housekeeping, meal preparation and shopping.

In addition to experience providing personal support and home support in the community, the successful candidate must have:

- Current certification in First Aid and CPR
- A valid Driver's License and consistent access to a reliable vehicle
- Personal Support Worker Certification preferred

Please send resumes no later than July 19, 2009 to:

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Box 115, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
kbaird@hhhs.on.ca
Fax: 705-457-2398
www.hhhs.on.ca



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HOUSEKEEPING/LAUNDRY AIDE

Haliburton Highlands Health Services currently has casual employment opportunities available in the above positions for energetic and self-motivated individuals wishing to join the team to assist in providing excellent care and service for our patients, residents and families.

The successful candidates will have relevant working experience, preferably in long term care or healthcare settings, and possess one of the following:

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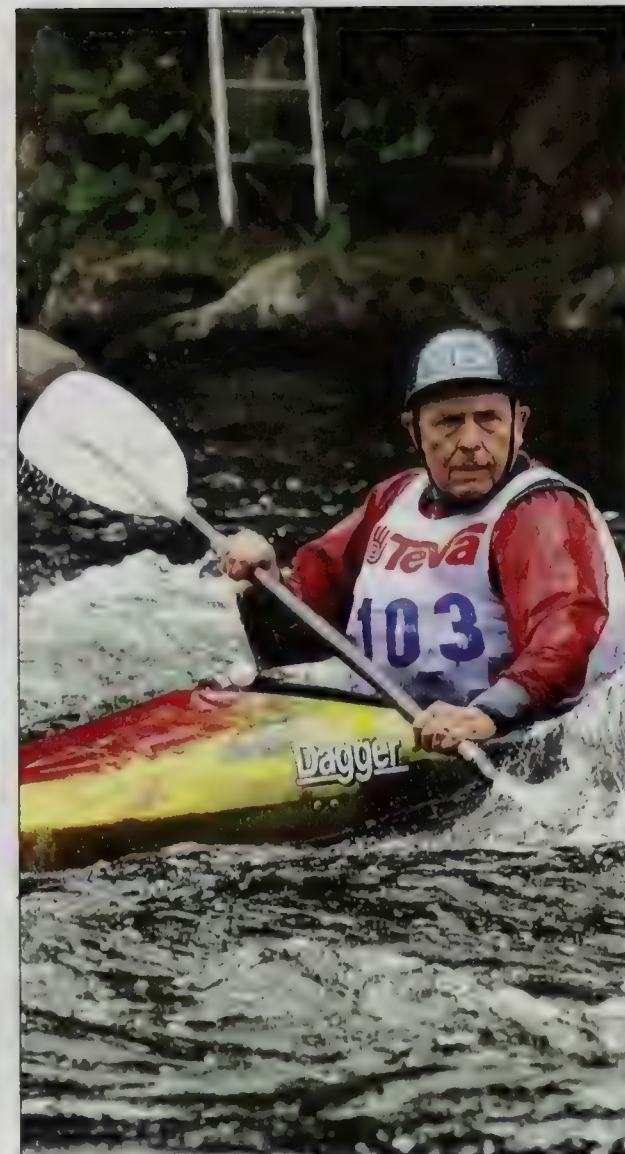
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Taming the Gull

Whitewater Ontario held one of its race season events at the Minden Wild Water Preserve over the weekend, attracting competitive kayakers from across the United States and Canada, including Victor Ettel of Soyers Lake, at right. The series culminates July 19 with the U23 North American Championships in Valleyfield, Quebec. Registration in all events is open to all athletes. If Toronto wins its bid to host the 2015 Pan-Am Games, Minden is the proposed site for the kayak races.



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Coming Events

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7th annual "Where the ages meet"

Stanhope Heritage Day

Saturday, July 18 9 am - 2 pm
At the Museum Grounds on North Shore Road

NEW THIS YEAR!
• A Cycling Tour
• Farmer's Market
• Meet the Animals
• Ropemaking
• Silversmithing
• Spinning

Watch ~ Touch ~ See ~ Do
Local folks demonstrate blacksmithing, rush weaving, chair caning, looming, basketry, tatting, bobbin lace making, bookbinding, carving, weaving, tinsmithing, rug hooking ... and more!

We're outdoors! Remember your hat, sunscreen and water!

LIVE entertainment all day!

Wild Animals:	Gord Kidd & the	CANOE FM
The Muskoka Wildlife Centre is LIVE! at 11 am with a variety of creatures great and small (no dogs please!)	50/50 Band: Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music throughout the day.	Live Radio: Join the audience all day and see live radio being made.

- Bake Sale, BBQ and Award winning Citron Marmalade
- Decorate your own gingerbread man
- Joe's Antique Cameras and Photo Studio
- Fabulous Quilt Display
- Local authors and their tantalizing tales
- Heritage Gardens ~ Maple Syrup Display
- "Mystery Antique Things" guessing table
- Betty the Washer Woman & her granny's drawers ...
- Haliburton Gold - our county's 10,000 year old fish species
- NO RAIN DATE

For more info, call Betty at 489-3021 or visit stanhopemuseum.on.ca

\$2 admission button on site!

WINTERGREEN
WINTERGREEN PANCAKE BARN
Strawberry Social
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, July 4th to Sunday, July 5th
Saturday, July 11th to Sunday, July 12th

- Wintergreen creates fresh fruit delights with real whipped cream topped with maple syrup and of course fresh strawberries
- Come on over and taste our BBQ sauces, Jams, Mustards, Fruit Syrups and Homemade Preserves
- Join us for fresh baked strawberry or strawberry/rhubarb pies or take home frozen and bake it yourself. Phone to reserve 10 inch pies
- Have your cake and experience it too, crepes, French toast, pancakes, sausages, maple baked beans, sundaes and banana splits, milkshakes or smoothies made with fresh strawberries

Calendar of Events Available.
Call at any time to purchase retail products...cash or cheque only.

Wintergreen Pancake Barn
#3325 Gelert Road in Gelert
Call 286-3202

WINTERGREEN PANCAKE BARN is offering 2 nights of Minden Fringe Theatre (July 11 and July 18) original one act plays by local Haliburton artists...AND a musical performance by Jerlyn Craden (August 8th) dinner at 7 pm, performance at 8 pm. By reservation only (50 people max)...dinner and show \$30.00 per person, tickets selling out quickly, cash or cheque the night of the performance.

Also featuring...Boat Smart Exam Facility Centre at Wintergreen...by appointment only... Call Paul Morin at 286-4360, deadline is September 15th

45th Annual Haliburton

Art & Craft Festival

July 24, 25, 26

Fri 12-7
Sat 10-6
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admission \$2
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Coming Events

To advertise your upcoming event, call Laura or Sarah at 457-1037



Watch dogs chasing sheep

On Saturday, July 11, go down to Head Lake Park in Haliburton to the 21st annual Highland Games.

A full list of events are in today's Cottage Times and July 9's Weekender.

community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the **UR** Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

Having an event this summer? List it for free in our Summer Guide! 2009SummerGuide@gmail.com

JULY 8: FAMILY CAMPFIRE NIGHT - Starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset Parkette, this is a family campfire evening. For more information contact 705-766-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca

JULY 8: HALIBURTON QUILT GUILD - Will be meeting at 1 p.m. at the St. Georges Anglican Church, Haliburton on Mountain St. Stasha Cegiarsz will present at trunk show of her award-winning quilts. Chief Warrant Officer Chris Rusk MMM from CFB Petawawa will thank guild members for Quilts of Valour for wounded soldiers. All are welcome.

JULY 8: STEWARDSHIP DISCOVERY DAYS - GEOCACHING: A GPS TREASURE HUNT - "Geocaching" is an outdoor treasure hunt and is becoming popular around the world. Learn the basics of GPS beginning with map and compass foundations. Every participant will have a GPS unit in their hand and will learn the basics of saving and retrieving waypoints as well as other functions. For everyone who wants a modern day adventure. Space is limited. Cost Adults \$15.00, children \$8.00. Presented by Mike Anderson at the Kinark Outdoor Centre. For more information call 705-286-5201 or email shirley.davidson@ontario.ca

JULY 8: TASTES OF HALIBURTON - Presented by Yours Outdoors. A fully guided home-grown taste tour of the Haliburton Highlands includes an informative wild edibles hike, a visit to a fruit and maple winery, a local organic farm and a chance to make your own Haliburton Tortiere or Maple Syrup Pie. Tour includes free samples! Cap off the day with an optional fine dining experience, Haliburton-Style! 1 week advanced registration. Contact Barrie Martin at 705-754-3436 or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca for more details.

JULY 8: ART TALK - HATS OFF TO MILLINERY - Presented by Haliburton School of the Arts - Fleming College. Millinery, once a dying art form, is now enjoying a creative and commercial renaissance. Milliner Karyn Gingras, owner designer of Lilliput Hats speaks on the history of millinery in the 20th century with hats from such important decades as the 20's and 50's from her collection and her own designs. Lilliput Hats is 20 years old this year and Karyn will also speak about her experience in the design business and highlight some of her most interesting projects and clients. 4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Fleming College - Haliburton Campus Great Hall. Admission is free. For more information contact Fleming College - Haliburton Campus at 705-457-1680 or email contact@HaliburtonSchoolofTheArts.ca.

JULY 9 TO JULY 31: RELATE'09 - JUNE STONE, STEVE HUDAK & SHELLEY BEACH - Presented by the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Opening reception Friday July 10th at 4:00 p.m. It is the goal of this exhibition to document the relationship between the observer and each artist's work through discussion, debate and dialogue by different methods of interaction in order to give a better understanding to the public about art today, artists and their relationship with observers and the public art galleries' role in creating relationships between artists and observers. Contact the Gallery at 705-286-3763 or email gallery@mindentimes.ca

JULY 9: CRUISE-IN WITH THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS TIME TRAVELLERS - at the Haliburton Town Docks. Come take a trip down memory lane. Some of the most exceptionally restored cars from the past. Share their stories and precious piece of the past or register your own classic car, all cars welcome 25 years or older. Starts mid June to Labour Day 6:30 p.m.-dusk.

JULY 9: HHWEN SHORT STORY NIGHT AT DOMINION - Local writers come together for a relaxing evening to read their own original short stories. 7:30 p.m., Dominion Hotel, downtown Minden. Come to read or just to listen. Everyone welcome; no cover, no minimum. Call Marge at 286-2592.

JULY 10: HALIBURTON ROCKS! - Presented by Yours Outdoors. Explore the rich mineral deposits, unique geological features and rugged landscapes of the area while enjoying the hospitality of the Highlands. 1 day adventure includes a hike to work class undisturbed sites of unique minerals and crystals. A tasty lunch and mineral collecting at Bear Lake Accurance and other sites. 1 week advanced registration please. For more details call 705-754-3436 or visit www.yoursoutdoors.ca

JULY 10 TO JULY 12: HALIBURTONS COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S SHOW - Minden is putting on a Sportsman's Show that will run for three days starting on Friday night. Presentations by professional fishermen and outdoorsmen, Birds of Prey demonstrations, ATV activities for the kids and lots of other outdoor activities. Jimmy Flynn will be entertaining on Saturday evening July 11th in the Auditorium. For more information Contact Ray Miscio or Cammy George at 705-286-1936 or email rmiscio@mindentimes.ca

JULY 11: MINDEN FRINGE AT WINTERGREEN - Playwrights workshop Minden invites you to 2009 Minden Fringe. The \$35 package includes dinner and two performances at the fabulous Wintergreen Pancake House in Minden. Dinner at 7:00 p.m., performances at 8:00 p.m. Admission by reservation only for the dinner and theatre package. For more information call 705-286-3202.

JULY 11: 13th ANNUAL DORSET TOWN DOCK KID'S FISH DERBY - The 13th Annual Dorset Town Dock Kid's Fish Derby is being held at the Dorset Public Dock behind Northern D'Lites on July 11th. Registration is from 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. For more information contact 705-766-9968 or email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca

JULY 11: HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS GAMES - Enjoy picturesque Head Lake Park and thrill to the colour and sound of Massed Pipe Bands. Parade Time 11:00 a.m. "A Call to the Games". Gates Open 9:00 a.m. Official Opening 11:30 a.m. Entertainment will include Pipe Bands, Highland Dancing, Clan Tents, Heavy Events such as the Caber Toss, Sheep Herding Demonstrations and an all day Kids Activities Program. For more information contact Jim Frost 705-457-4031 or email info@haliburtonhighlandgames.com

JULY 11: SOUTH LAKE ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGERS AND RESIDENTS ANNUAL MEETING - We are meeting at the Getert Community Centre at 9:30 a.m. For more information please call 286-2092 for details.

JULY 11: HATVA/KATVA ALLIANCE ATV RIDE - Presented by the Haliburton ATV Association. Rides (Unless otherwise stated) require HATVA membership or trail pass. Buy your pass or membership BEFORE you show up. For more information contact Steven Skidmore at steven.skidmore@sympatico.ca

JULY 11: HALIBURTON'S HIGHLANDS WATER TRAILS DAY - The 4th Annual Water Trails Day Event. Activities will include silent auction, BBQ and displays. Past displays include the MNR Fire Smart, MNR Bear Wise, Wilderness Medical Associates, Haliburton Fish Hatchery, Frost Centre Institute, Swift Canoe & Kayak, Wilderness Survival School, Stanhope Heritage Museum and the Ontario Ranger Program. For more information contact Christine Carruthers at 705-766-9033 or email thehhwa@aol.com

JULY 11: NORLAND FESTIVAL 150th ANNIVERSARY BEEF BBQ & SALAD SUPPER - Join us at the Norland Recreation Centre, from 5:30 p.m. Adults \$12. Children under 12 \$6. Preschoolers Free. Limited number of tickets available. Call Debbie 454-8480 or Lynn 454-1209.

JULY 11 TO JULY 12: ONTARIO KAYAK FISHING CLASSIC, FAMILY FISHING WEEKEND - The proceeds from entry fees will be donated to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association. This event is primarily for kayak fishermen, it is open to anyone using human powered means. For more information visit www.canadankayakfishing.com

JULY 12 TO JULY 25: CAMP WANAKITA RESIDENT CAMP PERIOD B - Adventure and exploration, fun and challenge. Prices and availability vary. Advanced booking is recommended. For more information call 705-457-2132 or email info@ymca.wanakita.on.ca

JULY 13 TO JULY 17: POINT IN TIME - SUMMER ADVENTURE DAY CAMP - Are you looking for something fun and exciting to do this summer? Well look no further. Point in Time of Haliburton County is offering its eighth annual Summer Adventure Day Camp for children aged 6-11 in West Gullford! At thirty dollars a week, this day camp promises to be filled with crafts, sports, music, games, drama, beach fun and swimming! Registration forms can be picked up at Point in Time, 39 Eastern Ave., or at www.pointintime.ca. Spaces are limited. For more information call Dawn Mole or Heather Lublow at 705-457-5345.

JULY 13 TO AUGUST 14: SWIMMING LESSONS - Presented by The Kinnis Lake Cottage Owners Association. The program features enthusiastic instructors and small classes, and are a great way for kids to improve their strokes, get comfortable swimming in the lake, learn about water safety, and meet new friends. Lessons are Monday to Friday, and students must complete any two weeks to be eligible for a badge. The cost of lessons is \$30/week for KLCOA members and \$45/week for non-members. For more information or for registration, please contact Stephanie Clark 705-754-4542 or email seklark@gmail.com

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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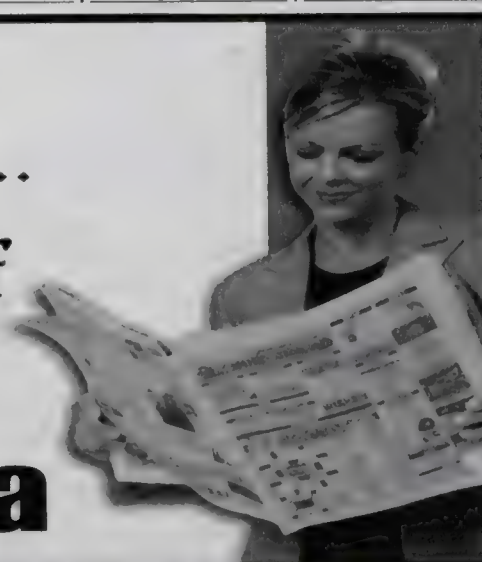
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We are looking for someone with a degree in social services, health care or related field, plus experience with community development and the issues of rural communities. If you are a "big picture" person who is approachable, flexible, positive and willing to work hard, send your resume to:

Gena Robertson, Executive Director,
SIRCH,
Box 687, Haliburton ON, K0M 1S0,
or via email to marg_hockley@sirch.on.ca
by July 31, 2009.

Email for Job description.

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General Employment

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from Brock University
Bachelor of Arts Honours Program
with first class standing.
Conrad is planning to pursue a
Masters Degree
in Political Science
Congratulations!

Thank You Thank You Thank You

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the many friends, co-workers, neighbours, relatives and family whom has taken time from their busy lives to wish me words of encouragement through prayers & phone calls once they heard of the news about my upcoming surgery for cancer. Thank you also to the special walkers at the Relay for Life who walked a lap for me as I was undergoing surgery the same day. It was really moving. Special thank you to Doctor Heyes for his quick actions on getting the professional help needed and the phone calls of reassurance, this meant a lot to me. The doctor and staffing at the Peterborough Health Centre, thank you for the wonderful care as a patient. Thank you to all the people who sent flowers, cards, phone calls, visits and so much more while I am recovering. Also the workers at Curry Motors and our family for the support Marcel received.

Most important of all, I would to thank my husband from the bottom of my heart for the rock he was as he stood by me through thick and thin & never gave up, I Love You.

Again Thank you All. You are all the best.
Leona Crete

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Deaths

BARRY, Ray - Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Friday, July 3, 2009. In his 70th year. Dear father of Chip (Billie-Joe), Gerry (Kari), Kevin (Donna), and Elechia (Wayne). Loving grandpa to Jesse, Kristina, Kirsten, Kaila, Kennedy, Mackenzie, Cassie, Alex, Nick, and Marley. Dear brother of Tom and predeceased by his brother Garry, and by his partner for 26 years Grace Foster. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.** 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Wednesday from 6:00 until 9:00 pm. A Graveside Interment Service will be held at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at the Maple Lake United Church (downstairs). Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

KELLESTINE, Rick - Employee of Hydro One for 35 years. Passed away peacefully at Lakeridge Health Oshawa on July 1, 2009 with his family by his side, at the age of 53. Loving husband and best friend to Doreen (nee Charlton) for 32 years. Dear father to Darrel (Jackie) of Calgary, Dayle (Kirk Smith) of Minden, Katie (Mitch) at home, loving grandfather of Brenden and Emma Smith. Dear son of Dick and Marie Kellestine of Sioux Narrows, and son-in-law of Elaine Charlton of Strathroy. Dear brother of Debbie (Neil), Terry (Judy), Warren (Laurie). Fondly remembered by his family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Lakeside Baptist Church, Haliburton on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 from 12:00 o'clock until the time of the service to Celebrate Rick's Life at 2:00 p.m. Cremation has taken place. Reception to follow at the Church (downstairs). Memorial Donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

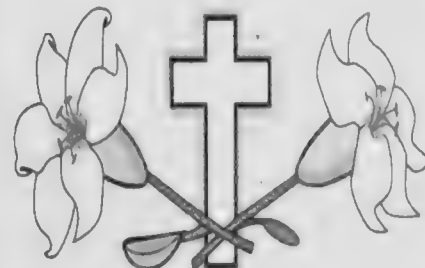
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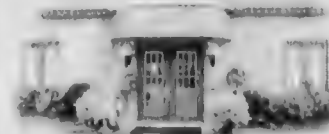
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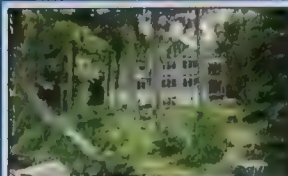
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HALLS LAKE

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\$559,000



MAPLE LAKE

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\$479,900



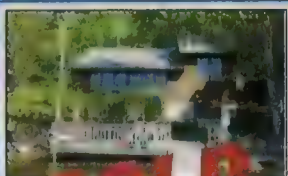
DRAG LAKE - BONHAMS BAY

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WEST LAKE

3 bdrm backsplit waterfront home/cottage situated on an exceptional point lot with 259 ft of shoreline. Vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, sunroom, full finished bsmt, dble garage, beautiful grounds.
\$439,500



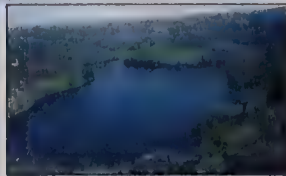
SOLAR LAKE

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HALIBURTON HOME

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5 LAKE CHAIN

3 bedroom year round cottage with large sun room with cathedral ceilings, open concept living area and floor to ceiling stone fireplace, plus Bunkie. 2 kms to town by boat or car, western exposure, sand shoreline, miles and miles of boating.
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SOYERS LAKE

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SOYERS LAKE

3 bdrm cottage situated on a private lot with sand shoreline. Open concept living area, fireplace, new deck, doors, bathroom, flooring and so much more. Large deck and dock, drilled well. Nicely decorated. A Must To See!
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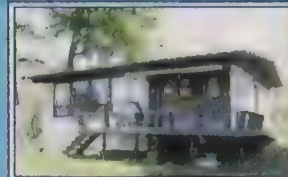
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HALIBURTON HOME

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HALIBURTON LAKE

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TROOPER LAKE

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\$ 249,000



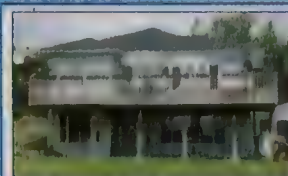
TROOPER LAKE

Newly renovated cottage is turn key. 2 large bedrooms, 4 pc bath, open concept living area, w/o to large deck. Pine flooring & ceilings, tastefully decorated, sunny level lot with pretty view. Bunkie is ideal for the overflow guests.
\$219,900



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\$209,000



HALIBURTON HOME - HARMONY ROAD

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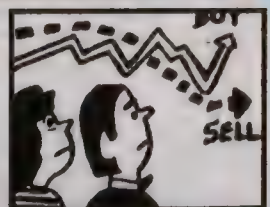
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The corridor is also an ecologically diverse collection of habitats that is home to hundreds of species of birds, insects, reptiles, amphibians and mammals.

"It goes through an unbelievable number of habitats," said local naturalist and teacher Ed Poropat as he took land trust members through a presentation on the faunal aspects of the Rail Trail.

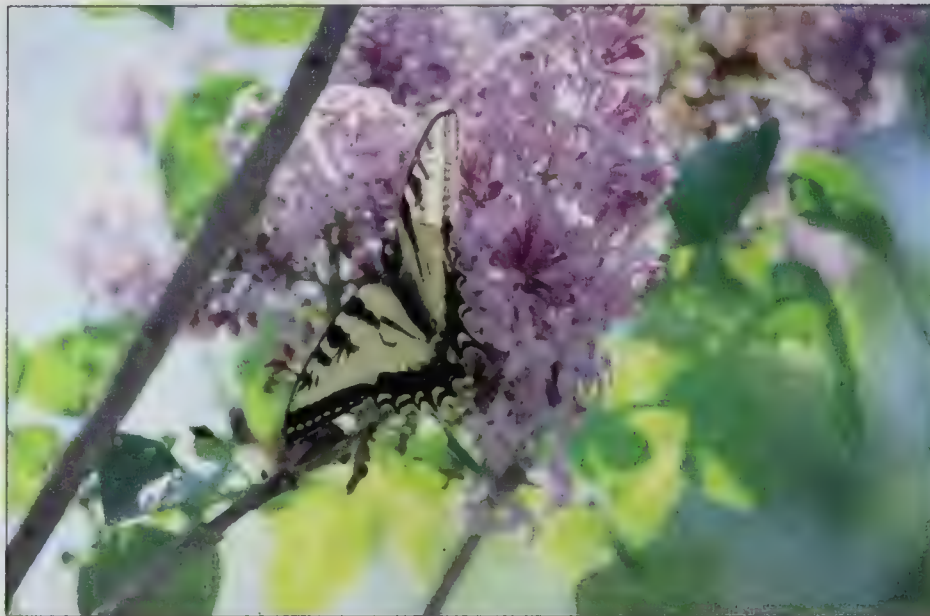
The trail passes through forests, marshes and fields and itself provides a boundary or fringe habitat that is attractive to insects such as butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies, Poropat said.

An avid walker of the trail, Poropat has recorded sightings of more than 170 species of birds along its corridor and said he's confident the actual number is probably close to 200 or possibly more.

To put this in perspective, Poropat said approximately 480 bird species can be found in Ontario, 290 of which breed here.

Seven of the species found along the Rail Trail – the Canada warbler, the golden-winged warbler, the chimney swift, the common nighthawk, the rusty blackbird, the olive-sided fly catcher and the peregrine falcon – are on the province's species at risk list, Poropat said.

He also said there have been several



There are 87 varieties of butterflies, including the swallowtail, in the Highlands. However, there have been fewer sightings of monarch butterflies.

sightings of bald eagles, which were recently taken off the species at risk list, in the county and said while he hasn't seen one, he is sure there is at least one nest in the area.

"I haven't found it yet... but it's here," he said.

As far as herpetiles (reptiles and amphibians), Poropat said 65 per cent of the county's 31 recorded varieties can be found along the Rail Trail and that six of these are species at risk.

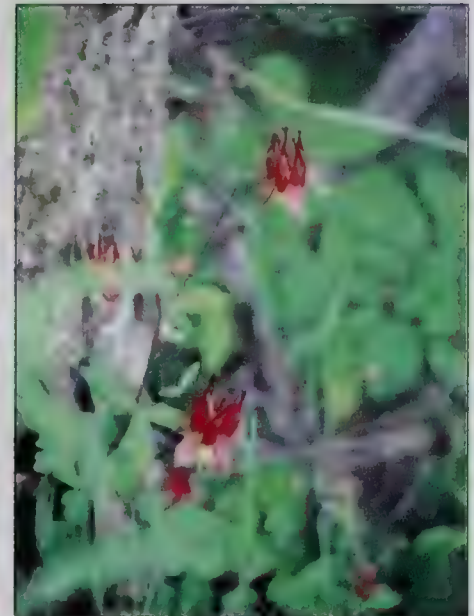
These species include the snapping turtle, Blanding's turtle, the five-lined

skink, the milk snake, the hog-nosed snake and the ribbon snake, which Poropat said looks very similar to a garter snake, except for the small patch of pale skin that can be found beside each of its eyes.

Of the 87 varieties of butterflies found in the county, at least 70 bathe in the sun along the Rail Trail, Poropat continued.

One of these species is on the provincial species at risk list, Poropat said, that species being, perhaps somewhat surprisingly, the monarch.

Poropat said the problems related to



Even the tiny honeysuckle adds a dash of colour to the green forest.

the monarch's dwindling population are not occurring in Canada but in Mexico and a number of members present said their first sightings of the insects had come quite late this year. Some had not seen any monarchs at all.

Poropat said of the 97 known varieties of dragonflies and damselflies in the county, he has recorded 67 along the trail and of the 48 species of mammals known to habituate the county, he has

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Keep a record of the plants and animals you see

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seen 19 along the corridor.

Poropat stressed that the information contained in his presentation was of the anecdotal type and derived from his own journal keeping. He said there is need for much more in-depth species observation along the trail and mentioned he would like to see the creation of a centralized database where travellers of the trail could record their wildlife sightings.

The rest of the meeting consisted of a review of the trust's financial accounts, the election of board members and other bureaucratic fair.

Chair Sheila Ziman went over the trust's activities of the last year, saying the highlight was surely the acquisition of the Dahl forest, which the Dahl family of Gelert announced earlier this year it would be donating to the trust.

Ziman said there were still a few legal and bureaucratic issues to deal with before the transfer was complete and stressed that the Dahl family would still remain the official owner of the 500-acre property.

Ziman also said some improvements have been made to Norah's Island on Kennis Lake, including the clean-up of what Ziman said has been a traditional party area for young people and the renovation of two fire pits.



The Rail Trail provides the perfect habitat for many species. The dragonfly, above, is very territorial, with its own hunting ground, while the garter snake also goes into the water to find lunch.

While Ziman stressed that overnight camping is not permitted on the island, she said it was the trust's hope that the public would use the island for day trips.

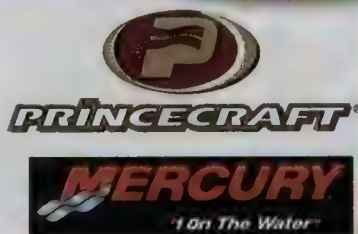
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Oh Steve! Oh Jenn!

Awkward Moments

• Column by Jenn Watt •

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"Maniacal Martha?"
"No, too informal."
"Peppery Perkins?"
"Naw, too spicy."

"I've got it, how about Predacious Perkins?"

I leafed through the dictionary, looking for a word to better describe our overlord, formerly known as "parsimonious," before I explained to Steve Galea what that meant.

"Parsimonious just means penny pinching, and although Perkins is definitely that, it doesn't describe the full nature of her personality," I said.

"If anyone is parsimonious, it's general manager David Zilstra, but that doesn't have the same ring to it," I added.

Steve was mostly silent – an odd feat for such a verbose man – and his normally googly eyes got even more pronounced.

"I know," I heard a voice boom from behind me, "how about Bossy Perkins, you know, like she's your boss?"

Predacious Perkins loomed large over my chair, hands on hips, snakes coiling in her hair. "Does Medusa Martha work?" I squeaked before realizing she had simply forgotten to take the rollers out that morning.

My desk snickered, or rather Steve snickered from inside the drawer of my desk where he had hidden as Perkins entered the room.

"Get out of Jenn's drawers, Galea!" Perkins declared.

More snickering came from the desk, but no one emerged.

"Oh, forget it," she said. "Jenn – get Galea out of there and get to Minden. Your assignment today is at the cemetery."

The desk shivered.

"She's finally going to kill us this time, Watt," Steve hissed from the drawer. "I'm staying in here where it's safe and there are Skittles."

"Those are Advils and you're coming with me!" I hissed back.

I pulled Steve out and stuck him in my backpack. He was obviously too afraid of Perkins to leave the office of his own will, but I wanted to keep my job and wasn't particularly on her good side right now.

As we headed for the car, I remembered to ask her why we were going.

I crept back into the office and trembling, stood before her elevated desk.

"Could I ask, perchance, why we're going to the cemetery," I quibbled.



Thinking that their boss Parsimonious Perkins had got them tickets for the Highlands Summer Festival production of *Annie*, Steve Galea and Jenn Watt don their red wigs and head for the Minden cemetery, where Perkins has told them to go. But there they found director Emily Stonehouse and actress Lindsey Hawley preparing for the upcoming Minden Fringe production of *Oh Annie*.

Perkins, who was shuffling papers, sorting paper-clips and looking busy, glanced up and muttered, "Oh Annie" and continued with her work.

Back in the car I was thrilled: "Steve! We're going to see *Annie*! You know, Tomorrow, Tomorrow, I love ya, Tomorrow," I sang.

We sang together the whole way to Minden, cheerful in our assignment.

On the way to the cemetery, we stopped at the dollar store to get some red wigs. We'd be perfect for the role of Annie, or at least I would be. Steve picked up a Viking helmet to maintain his sense of masculinity as my sidekick, Little Annie.

As we pulled up to our destination, we realized something was a bit off.

"Where's Daddy Warbucks? Where's Sandy?" I said.

"Oh, maybe they're casting me for Sandy," Galea said. "I may be bald on top, but under this shirt are luscious locks of flowing sandy hair. I'd be perfect."

Off in the cemetery were three women: Emily Stonehouse, Fay Martin and Lindsey Hawley.

"We're here!" I called. "Your next Annie and Little Annie, or Sandy, as the case may be," I said, recognizing Steve's small feat of body-hair growth.

"What are you doing?" Stonehouse screeched. "You both look ridiculous. This isn't *Annie*, it's *Oh Annie*."

"I know, *Annie*, that's what I said," I said.

We shrugged. Maybe Stonehouse wasn't as astute as we had once thought.

"I'm the director of this play. I know what it's about and you two aren't it," she said.

Stonehouse, Martin and Hawley were scouring the tombstones doing background research for the play, Martin informed me.

"This play takes place right here in Minden. Some of the characters are buried here," she said.

"Orphan Annie is buried here? Right in Minden?" Steve said, thrilled with the discovery. "Why hasn't the town capitalized on this yet?"

"Not Orphan Annie, Annie Angus," Martin sighed. "This isn't the Highlands Summer Festival – it's



Feeling like two little orphans in search of a play, Galea and Watt bemoan their outcast state.

Minden Fringe."

"And I forgot my fringe at home," Steve sighed.

"Emily, can you please deal with these two while Lindsey and I run through some lines," Martin sniffed and turned back to her work.

With that Emily cast us away, threatening police action if we didn't leave immediately.

But Steve had a plan.

"If only Emily could see how good we really are, she'd reconsider," he said.

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There are no orphans in Oh Annie

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So we hatched a plan to return.

Initially it was difficult to find them again as we tip-toed along the steep ridge surrounding the cemetery, periodically peeking through the brambles to rejoin the group, but eventually we did find them practising the ancient art of tea-sipping.

"Maybe if we can learn to sip tea like the pros, they'll let us in their play," Little Annie said.

We snuck across the lawn and hid stealthily behind a tombstone where two teacups were conveniently resting. Evading detection, we snatched the cups and prepared ourselves for our own tea-sipping rehearsals.

"I don't know what tea has to do with Orphan Annie, but it's worth a try," Steve said.

"It's *Oh Annie* and didn't I tell you to scram?" said Emily from around the tombstone.

"This is a play about a group of women from Minden's past talking about the issues of the day - it's not about orphans there is no Sandy or Daddy Warbucks. Please just leave!" she shouted.

"Okay, we'll get out of your hair," Steve said, pulling off his curly red wig in sorrow.

Emily's face softened in pity.

"You know what you can do to get

out of my hair?" she said, "You can use yours to wash my car."

Steve began pulling off his shirt, revealing what really was an impressive coat of sandy locks, but Emily quickly reversed position.

"I mean your fake hair," she said, "your wigs."

So we polished and buffed with our *Annie* wigs, saddened that we would not star in the epic Broadway play, but glad that we had found a place in Minden Fringe, red hair or not.

Oh Annie is one of four performances in this year's Minden Fringe. It runs July 11 along with Shelley King's *Creating Ivity*, a puppet performance. *Oh Annie* takes place February in 1922 as Annie dares to talk about birth control, politics and takes the ladies of the women's institute on a merry romp in their quest to raise funds to repair the cemetery. For tickets to this locally produced, written, directed and performed play, contact Wintergreen at 286-3202 or email dawson.wintergreen@sympatico.ca. Last year's Fringe was sold-out, so call early. Tickets are \$30 and include dinner.

There are two other performances in Minden Fringe, both on July 18.

The production of the musical *Annie* is at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton. There are nightly performances until July 10. Call 457-9933.



Now that they know they won't be asked to star in *Annie*, Watt and Galea use their red wigs to buff Stonehouse's car while she enjoys a nice cuppa with Hawley. *Oh Annie* opens the Minden Fringe on July 11 at Wintergreen.

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After leaving the tight quarters of the orphanage, Annie, left, (played by Michelle Bailey) sings about her feelings in the number *I Think I'm Going To Like It Here*. Helping her feel welcome are Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks (Brian Kipping) and Warbucks' servants, Sophie (Janice Kitley), Mrs. Greer (Chris Archer), Bundles (Dave Hawley), and Mrs. Pugh (Lindsey Hawley). Strong ensemble performances make this one of the best productions ever staged by the Highlands Summer Festival.

Relive *Annie* with a Haliburton twist

Review by Matt James • Photos by Tim Tofflemire

The cast of *Annie* showed no signs of opening night jitters as they kicked off the 10th season of Highlands Summer Festival theatre productions.

As the theatre lights dimmed at the Northern Lights Pavilion on June 29, a beautiful New York City backdrop came aglow and the audience began to tap their toes to the overture, played by Lauren McInnes and Melissa Stephens (also the show's musical director).

For the next two and a half hours the audience rode a rollercoaster of emotions. Set in the dire, desperate and pessimistic times of the Great Depression, the musical is a heartwarming story of an optimistic little girl in search of her parents and a lonely, rich man who needs to

fill the happiness void in his life.

The musical features the young, powerful voice and acting talent of Michelle Bailey, a Boshkung Lake cottager who within the first 10 minutes of the production, absolutely nails one of the most famous of *Annie* songs, *It's a Hard-Knock Life*. Also deserving credit for their performance are the six local orphan girls accompanying Michelle.

The spotlight, however, is soon shared with a number of marvellous performances, beginning with Miss Hannigan (played by Beth Kipping), who runs the orphanage where Annie first lives.

Kipping's performance reflects Kathy Bates's Oscar-winning performance in the 1990 film *Misery* — but on a more comedic and less psychotic scale.

Further fantastic acting performances in more significant roles came from Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks (played by Brian Kipping) and members Warbucks household team, including his assistant Grace Farrell (Myrna McBrien) and his butler Drake (Jack Brezina).

Drake's one-liners and mannerisms add greatly to the comedy of the play. And there was a small but notable cameo of U.S. president Franklin Delano Roosevelt (played by Mike Jaycock).

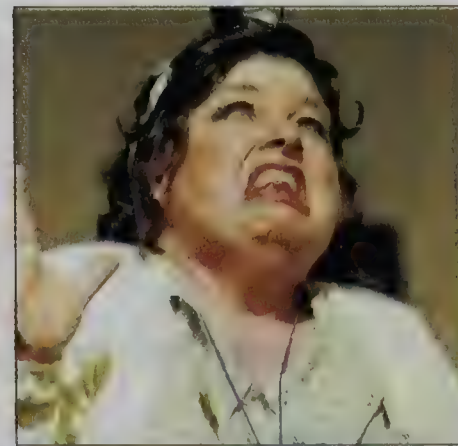
The show's antagonists, apart from Miss Hannigan, are Hannigan's brother, Rooster (played by Tom Regina) and his partner Lilly St. Regis (played by Marilyn Hawley), who provide a great mix of scheming and comedy to help move the play forward.

While the production runs longer than most shows, extra time is spent on set changes, which in turn creates a visually pleasing and more realistic scene. It's apparent that a lot of hard work went into the set from David Mills, Norris Turner, Ray Vanderburgh and crew.

Since *Little Orphan Annie*'s introduction as a comic strip in 1924 by Harold Gray, a cartoonist for the *Chicago Tribune*, the curly-haired redhead with an edge has been a stage favourite for decades. And Highlands Summer Festival *Annie* director and choreographer Scot Denton, who comes courtesy of Canadian Actors' Equity Association, does a masterful job in putting together a show for the ages.

Tickets are available for the three remaining shows, July 7 to 10. Call the Highlands Summer Festival box office at 457-9933 to reserve your ticket.

U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt (played by Mike Jaycock) sings the reprise of *Tomorrow* with his administration: Judge Brandeis (John Miller), Frances Perkins (Lindsey Hawley), Louis Howe (Barry Wilhelm), and Cordell Hull (Dave Hawley).



The hilarious, slightly frightening, and definitely animated Miss Hannigan (played by Beth Kipping) runs the orphanage where Annie first lives. You'll love the number *Easy Street*.

Discover why geocaching is so popular

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Our first discovery day will be held on July 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Kinark Outdoor Centre, where the theme will be Geocaching: A GPS Treasure Hunt.

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Each session is limited to 15 people, so to register for this day please contact: Laurie Smith at 705-286-3717. The cost is adults: \$15 children: \$8 and \$30 for families of four.

Look soon for information on the next Discovery Day, The Mysterious Vanishing Ponds of Haliburton!

For more information on upcoming Discovery Days or to register please contact Laurie Smith at 705-286-3717 or visit the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council website at www.ontariostewardship.org/haliburton.

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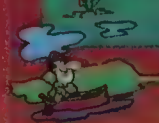
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Beach works in watercolour and printmaking. Her pieces in this exhibition represent an exploration as she moves from traditional work to a more experimental style. Stone presents a series of acrylic on board paintings and prints that capture what she wants – no meaning other than the fact she simply

wants to express. Hudak exhibits his Ontario College of Arts and Design final thesis piece which is an installation depicting the ideology of urbanization.

It is clear each artist develops and approaches their art in different ways. The presentation of each artists' work is not to compare but to emphasize the fact that all artists approach the creation of their art differently today, but inevitably, all try to relate to the observer.

This exhibition offers viewers a chance to try tools given to determine their relation to each artists work to further develop their knowledge of how to view art today.

Visitors will be encouraged to give their opinions and responses on how they relate with the use of Post-it notes made available.

Two artists, two interpretations at Ethel Curry Gallery

What if two artists, working in complementary but different media, each created their own interpretation of the same theme?

The result is Interpretations, an exhibit running at the Ethel Curry Gallery until July 30.

"The concept of this show began by Tom Green, who works in stained glass, and I discussing that it would be fun to try to do the same topic in our own medium," says fabric artist Jane Selbie. "We made quite a list... certain animals, seasons, themes and even a nude. Originally the show was to be in 2008, but both Tom and I weren't able to put the time into creating the content that we both envisioned for the show."

Even though Green has worked in stained glass for 27 years, he has never had a show in a gallery. "The opportunity has totally possessed him and he will amaze you with his wonderful works," Selbie says in an email.

Meanwhile she has been exploring that special moment of light, working on some long narrow pieces two created with a special surfacing that she has been experimenting with over the winter.

The Ethel Curry Gallery is at 94 Maple Avenue, just south of Highland Street, in Haliburton. Enjoy a virtual visit at www.theethelcurrygallery.com.

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There's lots to explore at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton's Head Lake Park.

VESSEL

Haliburton School of The Arts Faculty Exhibition to July 30

Weekly Meet 'N' Mingle receptions are held every Tuesday 4:45 - 6:15 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Faculty members were invited to respond to this year's theme with work completed in the past two years. Many of the works were created specifically for this exhibition and all pieces are offered for sale. We are very fortunate to have such a wealth of artistic talent in our midst during the summer.

Masterworks East

A Juried Travelling Exhibition of Contemporary Eastern Ontario Craft to July 29

Opening Reception Tuesday, July 7 4:45-6:45 p.m.

Join us Tuesday evenings in July for food, mingling, and some exciting talks by three local talents from this exhibition. Each presenter will discuss her work in the exhibition, their creative production, and answer any questions the audience. Bring a friend!

July 7, 6 p.m., Laura Trach, fibre

July 14, 5:30 p.m., Sheila Ziman, basketry

July 21st, 5:30 p.m., Judy Breaux, mosaic

Masterworks East presents objects from an array of media and approaches that assert the talents of eastern regional makers. Collectively, these works are a testament to craftsmanship, innovative design, conceptual prowess and emotive artistic expression.

Create historical miniatures

Minden flower show takes you on a Sentimental Journey

The Minden and District Horticultural Society's 30th annual Flower Show is at the Minden Community Centre on July 24 and 25. The theme this year is appropriately Sentimental Journey.

Minden Hills Museum curator Carol Simmons, approached the organizers after last year's show with the idea of sponsoring a miniature historical scene entry. They liked the idea so "Historically Yours" will have its debut at this year's flower show.

At a recent meeting of the Horticultural Society, Simmons clarified the criteria for submission of this category. She said, "History is everywhere at any time. Yesterday is already history. We are celebrating Minden's 150th birthday, so any time period would qualify. I'm encouraging those that have ideas to come chat with me. See if your idea 'fits' and/or if we have any photos to get ideas from."

You do not have to have a green thumb to participate. Be eager for a little challenge, a little creative thinking and lots of fun. Combine your miniature talents with your gardening expertise and creative eye. Make a miniature scene evoking the style and atmosphere of a particular historical Minden site.

"I'm actually looking for miniature landscapes," Simmons says. "Often referred to as 'dish gardens' or 'desk-top gardens' they are an assemblage of plants, soil and imagination that creates a tiny scene."

These diminutive gardens have a distinguished history. The key to an attractive miniature landscape is proportion. Imagination counts. For example, you can use duckweed – a common component of pond scum – which in the miniature scale of the garden looks like water lilies.

With a miniature garden, you don't need heavy-duty equipment. With a miniature landscape you can create a whole little world without going out to hoe weeds or put out the water hose.

Looking at a dish garden is a mini-retreat. It allows you to take a little two-minute vacation any time during the day. When you're feeling stressed, you can take two minutes and look at your garden – and hopefully you've made your garden someplace you'd like to be. You can use it as a form of relaxation, and after your two-minute vacation, go back to your job. We could all use more vacations.

Rules are simple. Submitters must:

1. Pick a local property (existing or from photographs) that shares some aspect of Minden's history. (Minden can



Minden museum curator Carol Simmons works on a miniature church for her entry in this year's Minden Flower Show. To celebrate Minden's sesquicentennial, the flower show is taking visitors on a Sentimental Journey. She invites other gardeners and craftspeople to enter the miniature display contest as part of the annual event. /Chad Ingram photo

be extended to Anson, Hindon, Minden, Lutterworth and Snowdon townships.)

2. Recreate that property – in whole or part using real or dried plants and plant material. Very small portions of silks will be allowed. Accessories are permitted. Can have actual building in piece, or cardboard painting or photograph of same scale used as a backdrop.

3. Obtain and submit an actual photograph (present day or historical) of the piece of property for the judge to use as a comparison. Chances are the judge will not know the area intimately. Prize(s) will be based on historical accuracy.

4. Decide the scale to work in. The finished product should not exceed 18" wide in any direction.

5. Hold a valid membership with the Minden and District Horticultural Society, \$9 year.

6. Submit the entry between 9 a.m. and noon on July 24, you can finesse until 1 p.m. and then you must leave while judging takes place.

The entries can be viewed along with the rest of the "Sentimental Journey" flower show at the Minden Community Centre on Friday July 24 after 7 p.m. or Saturday July 25 from 10 a.m. onwards.

If you have any questions or ideas please contact Carol Simmons at 286-3154.

Join Minden's Culture Club

Culture Club at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre gets your kids outdoors and into something creative. To register call 286-2808.

When: Every Thursday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. from July 9 - August 27

Cost: \$20 per workshop

Who: Ages 7 years and up

Enviro ART: Use recycled fibres and objects in a fun art project with environmental themes.

POP Sculpture: Make a small clay sculpture. Then move outside to start blowing up balloons – oh say 1,000 – and combine them with duct tape to create the largest balloon sculpture ever!

Legends and Teepees: Discover aboriginal stories from tribes that hunted here. Sheets of skin designed with spiritual symbols and colours will be created then turned into teepees.

The Gull River Art Experience: Experience natural beauty in a walk through a wetland down to the Gull River and then become a screever and do chalk drawings on the walkway.

Speed Puppetry: Interview mother nature, record this story in a fun handmade book and then bring it to life with handmade puppets.

Drama Camp: Learn about different story-telling techniques by creating characters based on 150 years of history.

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Cookin' It Up with Franka Andriano

Nothing is nicer than the taste of fresh Ontario strawberries. I love buying them and freezing them for later if there are any left after I make jam, put them in muffins, in cakes and or eat them with ice cream and yogurt.

Try this favourite banana bread with strawberry compote.

- 4 1/2 oz butter softened plus extra for greasing
- 1/2 cup of superfine sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 large ripe bananas

- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon

For the Strawberry compote

- Scant 1/2 cup brown sugar
- Juice of two oranges
- Grated rind of one orange
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 2 1/2 cups of strawberries, thickly sliced
- Mascarpone or plain yogurt
- To serve
- Confectioner's sugar, sifted for dusting



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Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x4 pan up the sides and line the bottom with parchment paper.

Place the butter and sugars in a bowl and beat together until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, and then mix in the vanilla extract. Peel the bananas and mesh coarsely with the back of a fork. Stir gently into the butter mixture, and then add the flour, nutmeg and cinnamon, stirring until just combined.

Pour the mixture into the prepared pan and bake for one and quarter hours or until skewer into the centre comes out clean. Remove from the oven and let stand before turning out onto a wire rack.

To make the compote, mix the brown sugar, orange juice, orange rind, and cinnamon stick together in a medium pan and bring to a boil. Add the strawberries and return to a boil.

Remove from the heat, pour into a clean heatproof bowl and let cool. Serve slices of the banana bread with a dollop of mascarpone or yogurt and spoon over the warm or cold compote. Dust with icing sugar.

Summer fruit tartlets

For the pastry

- 1 1/3 cup flour
- 3/4 cup icing sugar
- 1/2 cup ground almonds
- 1 stick unsalted butter diced and chilled
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tbsp milk

For the filling

- 1 1/2 cups cream cheese
- Icing sugar to taste
- Any type or combination of 12 oz fresh fruit

To make the pastry sift the flour and sugar into a bowl, then stir in the almonds. Rub in the butter with your fingertips until the mixture resembles bread-crumbs. Add the egg yolk and milk and mix to form dough. Turn out onto a lightly floured counter and knead briefly. Wrap and chill in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 400°. Roll out the pastry and use it to line 12 deep tartlet or individual brioche pans. Prick the pastry bottoms with a fork. Press a piece of foil into each tartlet, covering the edges, and bake in the preheated oven for 10-15 minutes or until light golden-brown. Remove the foil and bake for an additional 2-3 minutes.

Recipes by Franka Andriano

Franka Andriano owns Franka's Cafe' and Catering in Haliburton Village. For more information call 457-3463 or visit www.frankascatering.com

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Your lake levels are online

Column by Martha Perkins

Want to know if it's safe to go boating this weekend without the risk of running aground in shallow areas?

Need to take your dock out of the lake before the traditional drawdowns of water leave you stranded?

You can now find out how high – or low – the water levels on your lake are. All you need is a modem.

The Trent-Severn Waterway is now regularly updating online information on water levels in the Haliburton Highlands reservoir lakes.

The information isn't easy to find, but at least it's there.

At a recent meeting of the Kennisis Lake ratepayers association, Chris Whittle walked members through how to access the website.

There's no direct link to the information on the website of Parks Canada, which manages the waterway and the reservoir lake levels.

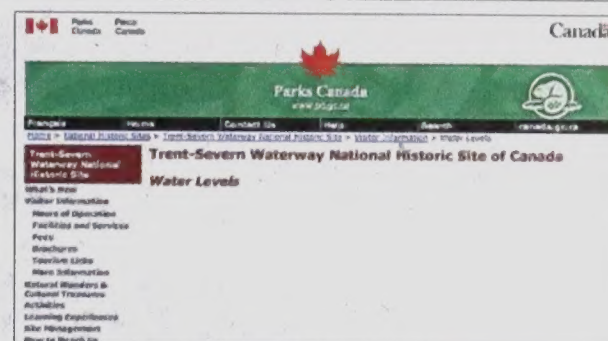
"You have to know it's there – sort of like cash in brown envelopes," he quipped, referring to the inquiry into former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's dealings with Karlheinz Schreiber.

Here's the web address:

www.pc.gc.ca/14n-nhs/on/trentsevern/visit/newl/trent_e.asp

(It's best to set up a bookmark in your computer.)

Find your watershed, then find the dam on your lake and hover over it. The website will show historic high lake levels, historic low levels and a day-by-day chart of daily levels so far this year.



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This award-winning program has been successful in inspiring children to spend more time reading books and has also encouraged parents and caregivers to become more involved in their children's reading activities.

The goals of the TD Summer Reading Club are to encourage Canadian children to read for pleasure, to help maintain and improve their children's reading skills during the summer and to

encourage them to be lifelong readers and library users.

This year's theme is Agent 009.

Children are invited to visit any one of the eight branches in Haliburton County to receive a beautiful poster featuring the detective theme, stickers to put on the poster, an activity booklet and a summer reading log sheet.

When 10 or more books have been entered on the log sheet, simply hand it in to your branch and soon the child will receive a certificate of achievement and a useful library memento. There will also be a draw in each branch for a prize that any child who has read 10 or more books can enter.

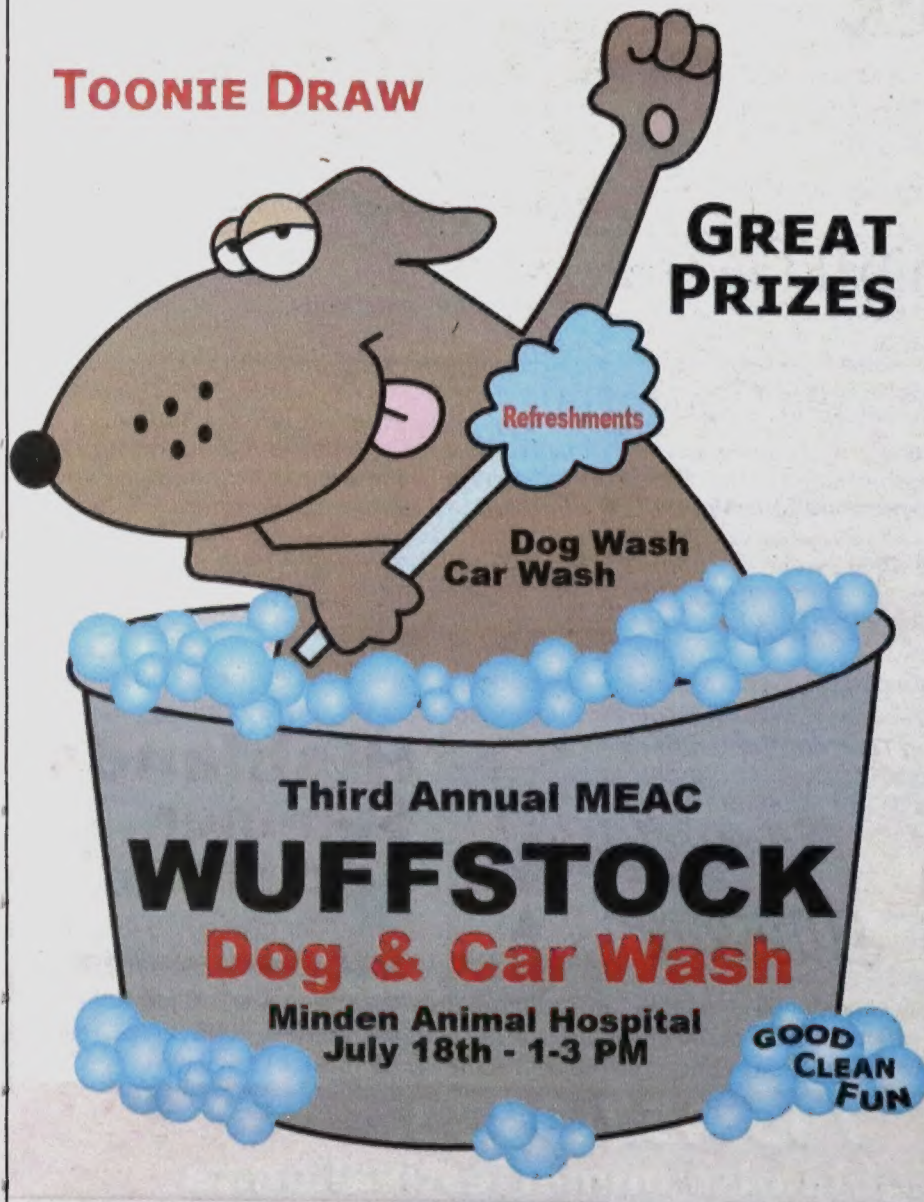
Summer's here and it's time to investigate @ your library!



With the help of Haliburton librarian Vicki Ross, humour columnist Steve Galea discovers a Dr. Seuss book he's never read, distracting his daughter Carmen from her encyclopedic studies. Carmen's taking part in the Summer Reading program being held again this year. Photo by Martha Perkins

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Get familiar with the Sculpture Forest

Story and photos by Matt James

In early June, local accommodators, business owners, and other members of the general public were invited to check out the collection of sculptures that line the trails in Glebe Park. They were invited on the familiarization tour so they could tell their customers about it.



Haliburton Sculpture Forest chair Barb Bolin describes *Fire and Ice: A Really Big Shoe* made by artist Charles O'Neill. The sculpture was a gift to the forest in honour of Bolin's 35 years of service to Fleming College.



Kennels: Horse and Rider by Bill Lishman is one of the the latest additions to the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. It was donated by local arts patron Janis Parker and sits in front of Fleming College. Below is a detail of Ian Leblance's *Shadow Caster*.

The event helps to ensure visitors get the correct directions to the free attraction and encourages local businesses to put in a plug about how cool and amazing it is.

Inside the Great Hall at Fleming College the group was welcomed by curator Jim Blake, committee chair Barb Bolin, and Fleming College principal Sandra Dupret.

"It's a learning tool for our students," said Dupret. "Fleming feels very lucky to have this natural resource right here."

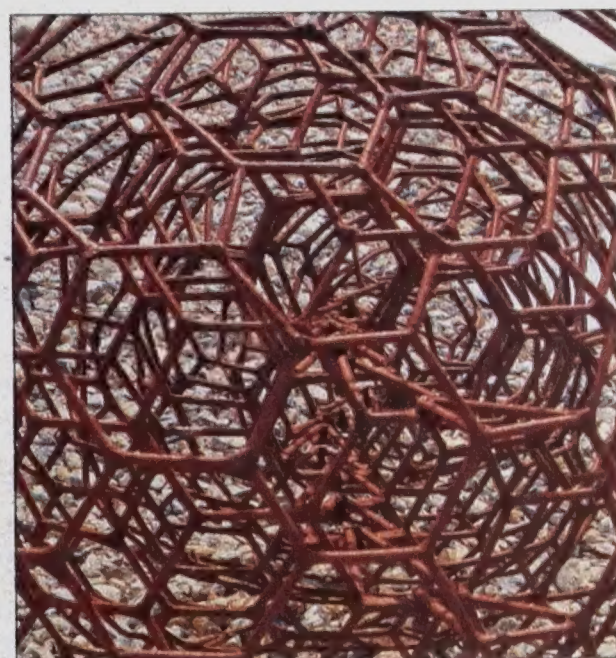
Years ago individual sculptures were strategically placed in towns throughout the county until the idea for the forest came about. In 2000 the Sculpture Forest was created and the committee's goal was to bring in a new sculpture every year. Nearly 10 years later, the forest already boasts 22 sculptures.

"Every year you will see something new," said Bolin.

After a briefing, the group split into two and headed outdoors for the tour.

One of the best features of the Sculpture Forest is that it's free and open all year round. If you don't want to try and guess what the sculptures are all about, there's a free, guided tour every Tuesday morning at ten o'clock beginning June 30 for the months of July and August.

"Visitors from all over the world have come to see the Sculpture Forest," said Blake.



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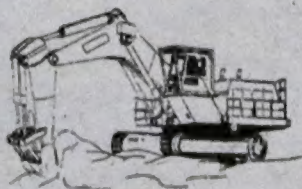
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Little steps

Walking Softly • Column and photo by Steve Galea

Wind tousles the slickness of the lake and the temperature is low enough to make my little girl wear a sweatshirt in July. I look at her; she smiles, and says, "Please can I push us off? I've got rubber boots on."

I nod, but I'm doubtful. Even so, I get in the boat and watch as she exerts her little muscles and eventually floats us off the sandy boat ramp. "See, I told you I could do it," she says proudly, as she clambers aboard.

It's a little step but it means a lot to her.

Carm and I fish together often these days but her interest isn't wholly in the fishing.

Somewhere over the course of an outing, she'll ask permission to swim or drive the boat. And we'll talk – about school, her friends, life as she sees it, music, family and future plans, to name a few of the more popular topics. She'll ask about me what it was like when I was nine too, her age now. In short, we get to know each other a little better. We laugh a lot. More little steps.

Though I don't concentrate on the fishing as much as I might if she were not constantly asking me to remedy tangled reels, tie on new lures, or solve her social dilemmas, there are few other people I'd rather share a boat with. My child, or



When you and your daughter set off in a boat across a quiet lake, the conversation can take you in many directions.

any child for that matter, is overfull with life and curiosity. And it is infectious.

On our last trip, a drake wood duck got up from a secluded bay and then, as if I ordered it, flew four close circles around our boat before disappearing through the hardwoods. Call it a rural

version of an air show, if you'd like. The duck, striking in its plumage, invited all kinds of questions.

"Daddy, what kind of duck is that? ... Where is he going? ... What was he doing there?"

I answer as best I can. I tell her that he

probably roosted in that bay because it's still early and it is too deep to for him to feed in. I mention that wood ducks nest in trees and that they often have two broods in a season. I imitate the peep-peep-peeep sound of their call and tell her that they are my favourite duck, though I hunt them every autumn.

Then, the duck moves on, and we too take another little step.

On other trips, we've had similar conversations about kingfishers, herons, loons, deer, ospreys, gulls, lilies and more. On the surface, this has little to do with fishing and yet it has everything to do with it. It is what draws us to these places and what makes it enjoyable whatever the bite might bring.

Some of those conversations will be remembered vividly; others will live as vague impressions in her mind. But each is a little step that takes my daughter towards an appreciation of the great outdoors. And make no mistake, this is just as important as music appreciation or a reverence towards art or culture.

It's something she can carry with her wherever her travels take her.

Don't get me wrong. She and I enjoy the fishing for its own sake. But, these days, for me at least, it's no longer about landing a lunker – and that too is another little step.

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Times to Laugh